

TOWN OF READING.

ANNUAL REPORT

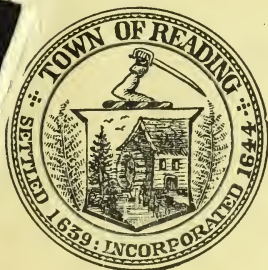
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Receipts and Expenditures

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31.

1900.



E. & J. F. Twombly, Printers, Reading, Mass., 1901.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1900-1901.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES, *Chairman*,

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*,

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD.

Assessors.

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman* . Term expires 1902

JOHN H. ADDEN, *Secretary* . . " " 1901

WILLIAM WALLACE DAVIS . . " " 1903

Town Clerk.

JAMES REID.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

HERBERT M. VIAL.

Auditors.

EDGAR N. HUNT.

WALTER M. SCOTT.

ALBERT P. DANE.

Board of Health.

GEORGE F. DOW, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1901
FRED D. MERRILL, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1902
CALVERT H. PLAYDON	.	.	" " 1903

School Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1902
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1903
MRS. ELLEN M. BANCROFT	.	.	" " 1903
HORACE G. WADLIN	.	.	" " 1902
MARY L. NESMITH	.	.	" " 1901
HENRY C. PARKER	.	.	" " 1901
MELVILLE A. STONE, <i>Superintendent of Schools.</i>			

Water Commissioners.

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1903
EDWARD B. DRAKE, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1901
CALVIN L. MARTIN	.	.	" " 1902

Municipal Light Board.

HENRY ROBINSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1901
A. NEWELL HOWES, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1902
WM. S. KINSLEY	.	.	" " 1903

Trustees of Public Library.

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1901
CYRUS M. BARROWS, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1902
FREDERICK E. WHITTEMORE	.	.	" " 1902
HARLEY PRENTISS	.	.	" " 1903
HENRY G. KITTREDGE	.	.	" " 1903
J. WOODWARD MANNING	.	.	" " 1901

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

GALEN A. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	Term expires 1902
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY	. . .	" " 1902
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Supt. and Sec.</i>	"	" 1903
ALDEN BATCHELDER	. . .	" " 1901
EDWARD F. BROOKS	. . .	" " 1901
HENRY A. WRIGHT	. . .	" " 1903

Registrars.

JAMES REID, *Clerk.*

OWEN McKENNEY.

JOHN F. TURNER.

ARTHUR S. TUTTLE.

Engineers of Fire Department.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief.*

CHAS. H. STINCHFIELD, *Clerk.* GEORGE L. PRATT.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

L. T. EAMES.

Forest Firewards.

ASA PARKER, *Chairman.*

ALBION G. NICHOLS. WILLARD A. BANCROFT.

GEORGE LAMPRO. JASON ZWICKER, *Secretary.*

Constables.

FRED D. MERRILL.

HENRY STOCK.

Police.

FRED D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of the Lock-up.*

HENRY STOCK.

J. HENRY ORR.

Specials.

SAMUEL BROWN.	JASON ZWICKER.
CHESTER W. McDUGALL.	EUGENE L. LOVEJOY.
WM. J. ALLEN.	FRANK W. DAVIS.
JOHN STOCK.	AARON T. PERKINS.
JEREMIAH CULLINANE.	FRANK S. VERMILLE.
WM. H. MANNING.	

Superintendent of Streets.

ARTHUR G. EMERSON.

Keeper of Almshouse.

JOHN F. BURNHAM.

Inspector of Plumbing.

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY.

Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions.

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER.

Burial Agent.

EPHRAIM WIGHT.

Tree Warden.

WILLARD A. BANCROFT.

Appropriation Committee.

JACOB MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

M. F. CHARLES, *Secretary.*

ALDEN BATCHELDER.	HERBERT E. McINTIRE.
F. E. CRAFTS.	F. W. B. PRATT.
H. P. BOSSON.	GEO. W. BEASLEY.
F. M. SMITH.	JOHN CONNOLLY.
GALEN A. PARKER.	JOSEPH S. TEMPLE.
MERRICK A. STONE.	E. L. LOVEJOY.

SOLON BANCROFT.



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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1900.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUP'N OF F'TH'R.
Jan. 11	Olga Alice Clara Bisordi	F	Sebastian, and Katrina Firetti	Fruit Dealer.
" 13	Alice Margaret Donegan	F	Henry, and Alice McCall	Motorman.
" 19	Joseph Sullivan	M	Jeremiah, and Evelina Dutton	Laborer.
" 24	Lawrence Otis Foster, twins	M	Almon, & Grace Emma Lambert	Accountant.
" 24	Leland Cummings Foster	M	Almon, & Grace Emma Lambert	Accountant.
" 27	Mary Murray	F	Thomas, and Elizabeth Sullivan	Painter.
" 30	Alfred Lincoln Whittemore	M	Fred'k E., Edith L. Easterbrook	Teacher.
Feb. 3	Wilfred Bancroft Sylvester	M	Fred L., and Addie M. Bancroft	Pattern Mak'r.
" 9	Sophie Rachel Wilson	F	Henry, and Esther G. Dugan	Rubber W'k'r.
" 15	Stuart Knight Tuttle	M	Arthur S., Sus'n Reb'ca Nichols	Prov'n Dealer.
" 17	Stillborn	M		
" 23	Ruth Harvey	F	Herman E., Lizzie Helen Nourse	Loco. Engin'r.
Mar. 3	Timothy Alfred White	M	Peter, and Adele Surette	Laborer.
" 5	Ralph Henderson, twins	M	George, and Ellen Mason	Coachman.
" 5	Willard Henderson	M	George, and Ellen Mason	Coachman.
" 9	Arthur Norman Ellison	M	James Albert, and Nettie Davis	Machinist.
" 13	Emil Francis Pendergrace	M	Thos. Fran's, Eliz. Maria Ridges	Grocery Clerk.
" 21	Beatrice Madeline Stillings Bailey	F	Hugh, and Iva Lillian Stillings	Agent.
" 27	Charles William Newhouse	M	Wm. W., Marg't L. Richardson	Farmer.
" 29	Illegitimate	M		
" 29	Denton	F	Dennis, and Belle E. Fenoff	Agent.
Apr. 2	Bartlett Nowell	M	George Foster, & Mary Knight	Cashier, R. R.
" 4	Ernest Bryant Swett	M	Fred M., and Daisy Bryant	Driver.
" 6	Pauline Herbolzheimer	F	Christ, and Pauline Canter	Nurse.
" 6	Allie Auguste Bibber Dudley	F	Aug., Ella Florence Hannaford	Shoemaker.
" 11	Ralph Wesley Wight	M	Alb. O., Ethel L. Hawkesworth	Architect.
" 11	Stuart Forbes Richards	M	Fred E., and Ellen A. Forbes	Trav. Sal'sm'n.
" 15	Bessie Lillian Lynes	F	James W., & Bessie R. Chatten	Florist.
" 18	Paul Stephen Geary	M	Stephen, and Bridget Higgins	Laborer.
" 30	Elmer Charles Akerley	M	Oliver L., and Susan J. Miller	Manufacturer.
May 2	George Martin	M	Geo. S., and Grace B. Bosworth	Iceman.
" 5	Frances May Castine	F	Peter, and Marine Meuse	Iceman.
" 12	Frank Harold Irwin	M	Thos. H., and Mattie Doucette	Laborer.
" 16	John Raymond White	M	Benj. Louis, Mary E. Clement	Laborer.
" 16	Benjamin Lewis Froton	M	Ambrose, Annie Theresa Muse	Gardener.
" 22	Charles Lawrence Cummings	M	Timothy J., and Maria E. Winn	Watchman.
" 23	Mildred Josephine Graham	F	Wm. John, Minerva Aug. Harrow	Wood Worker.
" 24	Francis Quinlan	M	Michael S., & Mary E. McCurdy	Furn't'e Dealer.
" 25	Ira Gaddois	M	John Ira, and Annie Froton	Teamster.
June 1	Dwight Hawes Thomas	M	Mark I., and Etta F. Hawes	Clerk.
" 1	Earl Lamont Pippin	M	Frank R., & Mattie A. Williams	Mo'm'n E.R.R.
" 16	Mary Lizzie Boyce	F	George A., and Julia A. Lampro	C'ck Repairer.
" 23	Helen Margaret Prentiss	F	H. Lindsay, and Elvy P. Low	Bookkeeper.
" 25	Helen Margaret Lamprey	F	Frank, and Mary McClelland	Laborer.
" 25	Wm. Edward Lamprey, twins	M	Frank, and Mary McClelland	Laborer.
July 2	Dorothy Cooper Pease	F	Harry Herman, Ada G. Cooper	Fireman.

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July 5	George Frederick Wickens	M	John, and Sarah A. Bruce	Printer.
" 8	Gerald Guy Manning	M	J. Woodward, Florence F. Nason	Hortic'l Exp't.
" 15	Gordon Alphonso Burdett	M	Wm. H., and Alice M. Burdett	Teamster.
" 15	John Eveleth Brookhouse	M	Harley, and Florence Gertrude Williams	Manager.
" 15	Florence Doris Brookhouse	F	Wm. D., & Ella Caroline Rogers	Machinist.
" 21	Lidie Williams [twins]	M		
" 21	Illegitimate	M		
" 26	James Desmond	M	Daniel J., and Nora Driscoll	Gardener.
" 28	Edith May Turner	F	Adolphe, and Sadie Melanson	Electric W'k'r.
" 29	Mabel Ruth Adam	F	James, and Laura Mabel Davey	Plumber.
" 31	Louis Alfred Ellis	M	Alfred W., & Alice L. Shanahan	Shoemaker.
Aug. 4	Katie Ferrick	F	James, and Margaret Higgins	Section Hand.
" 10	Dorothy Pease Wingate	F	Elmer E. and Carrie E. Pease	Car Painter.
" 10	Charles Ellsworth Carter	M	Jas. C., and Henrietta Langille	Plumber.
" 11	James Lawrence Dulong	M	Reuben, and Mary Muse	Stone Mason.
" 12	Gerald Robert Brooks	M	Henry W., and Mary Ellen	Stone Mason.
" 12	Frank Edward Froton	M	Reuben Amos, Mary M. Doucette	Stone Mason.
" 14	Grace Caroline Moore	F	Elba W., and Sarah A. Douglass	Carpenter.
" 19	Walter Gould Buckle	M	Thomas, and Marie Crowhurst	S. String M'fr.
" 21	George Price Temple	M	Fred M., and Flora M. Tripp	Salesman.
" 22	Harry Deveau	M	John W., and Maggie Surrette	Ratt'n Work'r.
" 27	Priscilla Twombly	F	Willie E., and Grace L. Fletcher	Editor.
Sept. 2	James Arthur Froton	M	Simeon, & Mary Susan Melanson	Laborer.
" 5	Lottie May Burchstead	F	George A., and Mabel N. Kezar	Fireman.
" 6	Margaret Doran	F	James E., and Mary F. Danahey	Machinist.
" 7	George McCoy	M	Richard, and Elizabeth Moore	Farmer.
" 8	Harold Lee Bishop	M	How'd Em'rs'n, Marg't Hayman	Teamster.
" 9	Ralph Seaton Howard	M	Lorie A., and Rhoda E. Parker	Salesman.
" 20	Vivian Arnold Rogers	F	Daniel W., and Eva M. Marsh	Machinist.
" 22	Harold Squires Dyson	M	Herbert A., and Emily Squires	Shipper.
" 23	Augusta Harriett Livermore	F	Henry L., and Stella G. Harris	Mechanic.
" 24	Clyde Bailey	M	Edw. F., and Janet Stockdale	Clerk.
Oct. 5	Stillborn	M		
" 9	Agnes Catherine Burns	F	Michael T., and Mary Hourhane	Laborer.
" 11	Leslie Cox Hadley	M	Steph'n, and Henrietta Melendy	Laborer.
" 16	Frances Margaret Porter	F	Lorie E., and Maggie Connolly	Carpenter.
" 20	Marion Louise Stevens	F	Frank E., & Lillian P. Peabody	Tra'n Bag. Mas.
" 22	Luigi Napolione Marchetti	M	Luigi, and Carolina Matrone	Laborer.
Nov. 3	Philip Allan Robinson	M	Chester H., & Lavinia A. Mosher	Conductor.
" 4	Marjorie Kendall Parker	F	Albin K., and Hattie S. Temple	Clerk.
" 6	Harold Roberts McIntire	M	Herbert E., and Cora F. Hunter	Carpenter.
" 8	Mary Mabel White	F	Edmund, and Sadie White	Teamster.
" 10	John Timothy Cummings	M	Dennis T., and Mary E. Connelly	Box Maker.
" 10	Joseph Frank Burke	M	John H., and Mary E. Weber	Clerk.
" 11	Leonard Paul Doucette	M	John Mande, Minnie E. Fitzpatr	Yard Master.
" 12	Charles Henry Doucette	M	James and Mary Hubbard [ick	Shoemaker.
" 13	Alice May Murphy	F	James A. R., and Polly Kemp	Jeweler.
" 14	Sarah Bancroft	F	Wilfred Abner, Fanny Hatfield	Bookkeeper.
" 16	Alice Corinne Edgerley	F	Frank L., & Gertrude L. Bessom	Undertaker
" 17	Joseph Raymond Clements	M	Frank, and Annie Doucette	Ratt'n Work'r.
" 18	Allan Dan McKellop	M	John C. and Annie McCall	Teamster.
" 20	Peter Gordon Froton	M	Simon Peter, Albena Dudevoin	Shoemaker.
" 29	Raymond Robert Stark	M	Albin, and Martha Wilhelmenia	Tinsmith.
Dec. 1	Patrick Spillane	M	Tim., and Mary Murray [Fiestel	Car Washer.
" 2	Arley Augustus Ambler	M	Harvey W., and Mary Morris	R. R. Fireman.
" 4	Anna Garcelon Freeman	F	James A., and Annie Garcelon	Shoe Salesm'n.
" 11	Lillian Gertrude Heselton	F	Herbert R., and Lottie Hayes	R'b'b'r Work'r.
" 12	Illegitimate	M		
" 30	Stillborn, twins	M		
" 30	George Walter Henderson	M	George W., and Ella M. Mason	Teamster.

Whole number of births registered, 106; Males, 68; Females, 38. Nativity of parents: American fathers, 55; Foreign fathers, 47; not reported, 4. American mothers, ; Foreign mothers, 51.

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NAMES OF BRIDE AND GROOM.			NAMES OF PARENTS.			BY WHOM MARRIED.		
DATE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.					
Jan. 1	22	Man. of Newspaper	Somerville,	Frank Spaulding & Ada Florence Brookhouse	Nathan K. Bishop,	Clergyman, Somerville		
"	21	Cupping Bureau,	Somerville,	Frank G. Williams and Kate B. Hobbs,	F. S. Hunnewell,	Clergyman, Somerville		
"	19	At Home,	Reading,	Samuel Brown and Josephine Pierce,	William T. O'Connor,	Ass't Rector, Wakefield		
"	25	Neckwear Cutter,	Wakefield,	William T. Wyman and Eliza J. Bateman,	Thomas H. Morgan and Sarah M. Warren,	Clergyman, Reading		
"	26	Shoemaker,	Brighton,	Thomas H. Morgan and Sarah M. Warren,	William S. Pease and Julia M. Ten Broeck,	Clergyman, Reading		
"	23	Bookkeeper,	Reading,	William S. Pease and Julia M. Ten Broeck,	Rev. Wm. T. O'Connor,	Ass't Rector, Wakefield		
"	23	Rattan Worker,	Nova Scotia,	Alexander Doucette and Catherine Doucette,	Rev. Thomas R. Mc Coy,	St. Joseph's Church, Wakefield		
Feb. 4	23	Domestic,	Yarmouth, N. S.,	William Ellis and Annie White,	Daniel E. Shaubahn & Elizabeth A. Wallace,	F. S. Hunnewell,		
"	22	Shoemaker,	Wakefield,	Miller N. Foster and Lucille Powers,	Alexander Henry and Annie Wood,	Clergyman, Reading		
Mar. 8	21	Electrician,	Bar Harbor, Me.,	John S. Ellenwood & Emma W. Pemberton,	Charles E. Brown, Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk, Concord	H. D. Stevens,		
"	21	At Home,	Taunton, N. S.,	Alexander Read and Annie Murray,	George F. Churchill and Annie H. Dwyer,	Unitarian Minister, Reading		
"	22	Salesman,	Waltham,	George Lewis and Cassandra M. Fance,	Stephen Hadley and Marian A. Blachow,	R. L. Howard, Minister of the Gospel, Melrose Highlands		
"	32	Shoemaker,	Lynn,	Thomas Norton and Margaret Wilson,	Charles W. Hodgkins & Edna Baker Richards,	Joseph Candlin,		
May 16	26	Ex. Driver,	Enfield, N. H.,	Miles C. Morgan and Marietta B. Smith,	Jessie B. Thorn and Katherine Han-	Methodist Clergyman, Reading		
"	21	Domestic,	Boston,	George Lewis and Cassandra M. Fance,	Alexander R. Rivers & Harriet Wentworth,	Unitarian Minister, Reading		
"	22	Electrical Expert,	Reading,	William H. Morse and Mary E. Umer,	Patrick Murphy and Maggie Fennell,	Rev. J. F. McNiff,		
"	31	Sta. Engineer,	Northumberland, N. Y.,	Daniel O'Connell and Julia Drum,	Dennis Dalton and Mary Murray,	Rev. J. F. McNiff,		
"	27	At Home,	Lynn,	Charles E. Carter and Ellen F. Kimball,	Simon Clement and Julia Doucette,	Charles T. Billings,		
"	27	Grocer,	South Cushing, Me.,	Walter W. Ruggles and Ellen F. Kimball,	Alexander Vacon and Nellie Muse,	Rev. J. F. McNiff, Clergyman, 147 Albion St., Wakefield		
"	22	At Home,	Belfast, N. Y.,	Ebenezer Stamford and Laura Reed,	William J. Holden and Harriet A. Moorar,	F. S. Hunnewell,		
"	34	Const'n Iron W'kr,	Newfoundland,	Oliver M. Wade and Margaret Ella Warwick,	Edward E. Copeland and Christina C. Perkins,	Clergyman, Reading		
June 3	26	Domestic,	Ireland,	William H. Hosker and Lucy F. Coates,	James O'Brien and Mary Dulin,	Rev. Thomas R. Mc Coy,		
"	36	At Home,	Newton, N. H.,	Solon Bancroft and Ellen M. Temple,	Edward Wetherbee & Susan A. Withington,	H. D. Stevens,		
"	24	Salesman,	Fitchburg,	William A. Dennison and Celia Woodward,	Gustavus Loring and Mary E. Stevens,	Unitarian Minister, Reading		
"	24	At Home,	Lowell,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	25	Rattan Worker,	Nova Scotia,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	25	Necktie Maker,	Nova Scotia,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	27	Physician,	Boston,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	27	Salesman,	Woburn,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	27	At Home,	Woburn,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	25	At Home,	Lynn,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	25	Wireman,	Lynn,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	27	Operative,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	26	Lawyer,	Boston,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	24	Printer,	Boston,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		
"	37	Housekeeper,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,	Reading,		

" 23	Albert F. Hunt,	24	Student,	Tiverton, R. I.,	William F. H. Hunt and Susan M. Munroe,	F. S. Hunnewell,
" 24	Lula A. Cook,	22	At Home,	Reading,	George F. Cook and Augusta A. Pierce,	Clergyman, Reading
" 26	Lucia Jane Walter Wakeman,	23	Clergyman,	East Haddam, Conn.,	George Wakeman and Virginia Bulkeley,	Charles C. White, Baptist
" 30	Lucia Jane Howe,	31	Bookkeeper,	Barre,	Emory A. Howe and Mary A. Tooley,	Minister, Hampton Falls, N. H.
" 30	Ira Trafton Knight,	22	Brakeman,	Kennebunkport, Me.,	Joseph H. Knight and Mary A. Garland,	Josiah H. Tilton,
" 30	Bertha Marsh Stock,	20	At Home,	Reading,	Henry Stock and Ada L. Beard,	Clergyman, Reading
July 18	George Lampro,	33	Gen'l Contractor,	Waterville, Canada,	Zeb Lampro and Marie Julia Didweare,	Rev. Wm. T. O'Connor, Ass't
" 19	Margaret F. Scannel,	22	Knitter,	Ireland,	William Scannel and Margaret Murphy,	Rector, 147 Albion St., Wakefield
" 19	Chester W. MacDougall,	27	Plumber,	Wakefield,	Chester A. MacDougall and Mary P. Dean,	Wm. Walter Wakeman, Min. of
" 25	Nellie E. Smith (Long),	27	Stitcher,	Salem, N. H.,	Joseph Long and Martha E. Preston,	Gospel, 9 Bancroft ave., Reading
" 25	Howard W. Poor,	32	School Teacher,	Denmark, Me.,	Leander A. Poor and Mary E. Dorr,	F. S. Hunnewell,
" 26	Reuben Dulong,	33	Machinist,	Nova Scotia,	William J. Holden and Harriet A. Moorar,	Clergyman, Reading
" 26	Rose Froton,	23	Domestic,	Reading,	Reuben Dulong and Charlotte Doucette,	Rev. Wm. T. O'Connor, Ass't
Aug. 9	Uz Bleakney Gross,	23	Shoemaker,	Hillsboro, N. B.,	John Gross and Martha Gross,	C. H. Hickok
" 19	Emma W. Weichmann,	25	At Home,	Reading,	Carl W. Weichmann and Carrie Williams,	Rector, 147 Albion St., Wakefield
" 19	Willard M. Crowe,	22	Clerk,	Gaspé Basin, Canada,	Robert J. Stanley and Marion McKenzie,	Clergyman (Baptist), Wakefield
" 20	Giorgiana Stanley,	22	Domestic,	Lynn,	Charles W. Hodgkins and Edna B. Richards,	Unitarian Minister, Reading
" 20	Charles Humphrey Hodgkins	24	Electrician,	Reading,	Henry Hook and Caroline Klouds,	Josiah H. Tilton,
" 22	Harry Morse Wells,	21	Kind'g'n Teacher,	Cairo, Ill.,	Henry Wells and Emma Morse,	Clergyman, Reading
" 22	Ethel Charles Damon,	20	Artist,	Reading,	Charles Edgar Damon and Amy Whiting,	H. D. Stevens,
Sept. 3	Ernest Arctas Blood,	27	Stenographer,	Wakefield,	Marvin S. Blood and Nancy J. Fisher,	Unitarian Minister, Reading
" 6	Lena Frances Steele,	24	At Home,	Cherryfield, Me.,	James Steele and Lucetta Wilson,	Rev. Fred A. Snow, Minister of
" 6	William H. Eames,	22	Retired,	Winnington,	Jacob Eames and Abigail Eames,	the Gospel, Cherryfield, Me.
" 18	Freeman Kelso,	39	Housekeeper,	Boston,	George Hill and Mary Hassett,	F. S. Hunnewell,
" 18	Margaret Coyne,	24	Laborer,	St. John, N. B.,	George H. Kelso and Matilda Skidmore,	Clergyman, Reading
" 18	Martin J. Murray,	28	Domestic,	Galway, Ireland,	John Coyne and Catherine Devaney,	Putnam Webber, Min. of Gospel,
" 20	Nora T. Coughlin,	27	Coachman,	Ireland,	Thomas Murray and Bridget Rafferty,	42 W. Chestnut St. Wakefield
" 20	Arthur W. Harnden,	28	Domestic,	Lynn,	Bartholomew Coughlin and Catherine Collins	Rev. Jas. F. McNiff, Clergyman,
" 25	Alice J. Coney,	22	Stock-fitter,	Reading,	John W. Harnden and Emma A. Hawkes,	147 Albion St., Wakefield
" 25	George Farwell Dow,	17	At Home,	Harvard,	Charles S. Coney and Annie Ballard,	Josiah H. Tilton,
" 25	Gertrude May Thresher,	31	Trained Nurse,	Dodgeville, N. Y.,	John O. Dow and Frances Phelps,	Clergyman, Reading
" 25	Charles H. Babb,	21	Machinist,	Reading,	Eben A. Thresher and Lucy Couch,	Jas. A. Williamson, Minister
Oct. 3	Madeline Vernon Cochran,	24	At Home,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	William Francis Vernon and Della S. Wingate,	of the Gospel, Haverhill
" 3	Frederick W. Dane,	28	Dentist,	Chicago, Ill.,	Albert P. and Emma L. Hoffman,	Henry C. Parker, Clergyman,
" 4	Stewart Sargent Bell,	32	At Home,	Boston,	Samuel P. and Sarah E. Erskin,	546 Main St., Woburn
" 18	Lucy Mary Carleton,	23	Electrician,	Andover,	Charles H. Bell and Christina Walker,	Cong'l Clergyman, Marblehead
" 20	Margaret E. Cullin,	29	Boiler Maker,	Reading,	James H. Carleton and Lucy Mary Putnam,	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 20	Daniel W. Marston,	23	Domestic,	Woburn,	Edward Cullen and Catherine Keenan,	F. S. Hunnewell,
Nov. 4	Matthias Powers,	19	At Home,	Concord, N. H.,	Prentice E. and Sarah E. Philbrick,	Clergyman, Reading
" 4	Nora Winifred Wilcox,	25	Traveling Salesman,	Edinburgh, Scotland,	James and Lemmah Mingo,	Harry B. King, Minister of the
" 5	Warren B. Johnson,	18	At Home,	P. E. Island,	Patrick Powers and Catherine Holteran,	Gospel, 57 Pine St., Danvers
" 5	Eliza J. Bowers,	52	Paper Hanger,	Syracuse, N. Y.,	Warren Wilcox and Nettie O'Brien,	Frank S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 5	Eliza J. Bowers,	40	Housekeeper,	Charlestown,	John Miles Johnson and Susan B. Clapp,	26 Middlesex ave., Reading
" 5	Eliza J. Bowers,	40	Housekeeper,	Litchfield, Me.,	Samuel Bowers and Melinda Curtis,	Henry W. O. Milington, Min. of
" 5	Eliza J. Bowers,	40	Housekeeper,	Litchfield, Me.,	Samuel Bowers and Melinda Curtis,	of Gospel, 61 11th St., Lowell

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1900.

DATE.	NAMES OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
"	6 D. Albert Stevens, Ethel F. Berry,	25 30	Clerk. At Home,	Stoneham, Reading,	Darius N. Stevens and Sarah S. Spellman, Daniel W. Berry and Eliza A. Stowell,	H. D. Stevens, Unitarian Minister, 6 Mt. Vernon St., Reading
"	8 Edward Wright Briggs, Edith Howe Neal,	30 23	Bookkeeper, At Home,	Roxbury, Brookline,	T. Tolman Briggs and Hepsibah S. Damon, Hayfield S. K. Neal and Marion Cochran,	Henry Hinchley, Clergyman, 46 S. Trowbridge St., Cambridge
"	10 Charles Clyde Wakefield, Kathie Helen (Marks) Forbes	31 26	Shoemaker, Dressmaker,	Brookline, Me., Essex, Conn.,	Charles Wakefield and Mary A. Kidder, John Marks and Addie Hamilton,	William H. Pierson, Minister of First Unitarian Ch., Somerville
"	15 Nehemiah H. Perkins, Mary Parsons Sparrow,	76 24	Raising Fruit, Housekeeper,	Provincetown, Portland, Me.,	James Perkins and Abigail Starkey, James Parsons and Eyracta Kenney,	Joseph Candlin, Methodist Clergyman, Reading
"	18 William P. Pierpont, E. Morrell Haley	17 24	Postal Clerk, Clerk,	Cambridge, Reading,	William Pierpont and Elizabeth Stimson, Charles Haley and Emma Austin,	Edw. L. Atkinson, Clergyman, 1 Clifton Place, Boston
"	20 Elmer Holbrook Robinson, Helen Eyre,	25 26	Electrical Engineer, At Home,	Chester, Penn., Reading,	Henry Robinson and Mary H. Howes, Henry C. Eyre and Mary Howes,	Francis M. Taett, Rector St. Paul's Church, Chester, Pa., 316 Broad St.
"	28 Edwin Webb, Grace Elizabeth Dyer,	23 23	Organ Piper Maker, At Home,	London, Eng., Medford,	Joseph G. and Sarah Ann Barnes, Horace Edwin and Mary Leach Sleeper,	Frank S. Hummel, Clergyman, 26 Middlesex ave., Reading
"	29 Eli C. Doucette, Fanny Doucette,	30 39	Stone Mason, At Home,	Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia,	Creil and Vitine Muse,	Rev. J. F. McNiff, Clergyman, 147 Albion St., Wakefield
"	29 Frank E. Blaisdell, Lottie J. Hutchinson.	39 22	Inspector Street Ry., Emp's Shoe Factory	Salisbury, Lynn,	Jonathan F. and Louisa C. Goodwin, Merrill and Fattie Nourse,	Edward P. Smith, Pastor First Baptist Church, Stoneham
Dec. 6	Arthur Herbert Choate, Elizabeth Knowles Robertson	19 26	Electrician, Composer,	Reading, Methuen,	Feliz Herbert and Ella M. Melendy, James and Isabella Bithuath,	N. R. Everts, Minister of the Gospel, Wakefield
"	9 Lincoln Nathan Burnham, Arlene Francesa White,	36 27	Travelling Salesman, At Home,	Troy, Pa., San Francisco, Cal.	James Henry and Caroline C. Brigham, Lewis M. and Annie B. Black,	A. P. Record, Clergyman, Cambridge
"	12 Clinton L. Bancroft, Jennie S. Pope,	24 19	Insurance, At Home,	Reading, Marblehead,	George S. Pope and Caroline Standley, James S. and Hannah Emery,	S. Linton Bell, Clergyman, Marblehead
"	24 Charles H. Russell, Eliza Belle Meyers,	45 21	House Painter, Housekeeper,	Medford, Nova Scotia,	Benjamin F. and Eunice King, Joseph and Anna Thompson,	W. F. Wilson, Minister of the Gospel, No. Abington
"	24 James Alcock, Sophia May Dugan,	21 20	Dairyman, At Home,	England, Temple, N. H.,	Smith C. and Nancy J. Dicey, David and Elizabeth Johnson,	Joseph Candlin, Meth. Clergyman, 162 S. Main St., Reading
"	25 E. Leroy Place, George Wingate,	44 43	Blacksmith, At Home,	Alton, N. H., Somersworth, N. H.,	Charles E. and Margaret Ellinger, Charles G. and Frances Campbell,	J. E. Smith, Minister of the Gospel, Keene, N. H.
"	25 Charles E. Shanley, Isabel Campbell Tucker,	25 22	Carpenter, At Home,	Malden, Boston,		Fred. Edwards, Rector St. Paul's P. E. Ch., 39 Kenwood St., Malden

Whole number of Marriages, 61. Nativity of persons married: American-born, 95—males, 47; females, 48. Foreign-born, 27—Males, 14; females, 13. First marriage of 52 males and 54 females; second marriage of 8 males and 7 females; third marriage of 1 male. Age—Number of persons from 70 to 80, 2; 60 to 70, 0; 50 to 60, 3; 40 to 50, 5; 30 to 40, 19; 20 to 30, 86; under 20, 7.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1900.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBAND.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 8	Eliza L. Putnam,	69	Philemon and Lucy Blythe.	Carcinoma of Liver.
" 14	Josephine C. Harney,	7	George and Margaret Ella Brennan,	Scarlet Fever.
" 17	Oren N. Jones,	53	Jacob and Almira Jenkins.	Cardiac Dilatation.
" 26	Tristram Littlefield,	86	Samuel B. and Susan Bowen.	Old Age.
Feb. 1	Jeremiah C. Cook,	66	James D. and Rebecca W. Coney,	Heart Failure.
" 3	Lillian Gertrude Carter,	21	Annie F. Carter.	Marasmus.
" 7	William Henry White,	1	John and Annie White.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
" 7	Leon Henry Fleming,	8	Charles and Margaret Raymond,	Intestinal Obstruction.
" 9	Henry S. Hale,	1	Robert and Elizabeth Bixby.	Heart Disease.
" 9	Sam'l Sweetser) Fletcher,	69	Thomas Sweetser and Olive Richardson,	Cardiac Insufficiency.
" 11	Henry C. Watson,	76	Calvin and Polly Clark.	Myocarditis, Nephritis.
" 13	Ophelia Wakefield,	66	Caleb and Nancy Temple.	Exhaustion following Fractured Femur.
" 18		67		Stillborn.
Mar. 12	Harriett M. (Ayer) Smith,	82	John H. Smith.	Pneumonia.
" 7	Alexander Bloom,	10	Samuel—Unknown.	Apoplexy.
" 7	George Chapman Bosson,	68	Jonathan D. and Lydia Palfry,	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 8	Edwin Oliver Ruggles,	74	Ira W. and Caroline J. Leach.	Phthisis, Valvular Disease of Heart.
" 10	Ralph Henderson, twin,	55	George W. and Ella M. Mason,	Marasmus, premature child.
" 13	Willard W. Henderson, twin,	—	George W. and Ella M. Mason,	Marasmus, premature child.
" 19	Fredric William Walker,	27	John and Annie Smart,	Pyomphitis, following surgical operation.
" 19	Helen M. Demeritt Hodgman,	62	Andrew L. Hodgman,	Pneumonia.
" 20	Angie C. Lord Dow,	7	Stilson H. Dow.	Pneumonia.
" 22	Hannah Sullivan Barrett,	60	Patrick Barrett.	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 24	Orianna Shute,	5	Jonathan B. and Abigail Russell,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
" 29	Harriet Ann (Weston) Baneroff,	64	Francis J. Baneroff.	Heart Failure.
" 31	Elizabeth B. (Hartwell) Nichols,	4	David Henry Nichols.	General Paresis, Pneumonia.
Apr. 3	Charles James Oliver,	79	Alfred L. and Sophia Finger.	Pneumonia.
" 3	Isabella (Hurt) Richardson,	5	Robert Richardson.	Apoplexy.
" 6	Frederick W. Burke,	72	John J. and Agnes Aylward,	Acute Endocarditis.
" 9	William H. Mathews,	58	William A. and Mary Dyer.	Consumption.
" 13	Jacques (Jewing)	70	Jabez and Hetty Eames.	Pneumonia.
" 14	Susan S. (Stykes) Williams,	81	James Williams.	Old Age.
" 16	Edward L. Damon,	25	George H. and Mary F. Marden,	Phthisis.
" 23	Granville S. Weston,	54	Jacob and Lydia Batchelder.	Gastric Hemorrhage.
May 3	George Sanford Martin,	6	George S. and Grace B. Bosworth,	Acute Nephritis, from mother.
" 7	Frederick A. Warren,	29	Ally S. and Elyria Curtis.	Pneumonia.
" 7	Elizabeth M. Lynch,	10	James and Annie Woodbury.	Abscess of Buttock.
" 7	Lizzie Rosal (Carr) Batchelder,	50	Freddie J. Batchelder.	Pulmonary Phthisis.
" 12	Jessie McMillan,	36	Emmie McMillan.	Congenital Heart Disease.
" 13	Sarah A. (Gould) Buckle,	3	James Buckle.	Chronic Nephritis.
" 13	Mary Ann (Damon) Stratton,	58	George A. Stratton.	Uræmia, Valvular Disease of Heart.
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DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1900.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	NAME OF PARENTS, OR HUSBAND.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
May 19	Grace Blanch (Bosworth) Martin,	26	George S. Martin,	Acute Bright's Disease.
" 14	John McCurdy,	84	Gilbert McCurdy and Annie McKinley,	Bronchitis.
" 21	Amanda C. (Allen) Bart,	68	Jacob Allen and Lydia Bartlett,	Bronchitis, Nephritis.
" 27	Margaret A. Pigneuron,	46	David and Louise Coleman,	Meningitis.
" 27	Ira Gadbois,	6	Ira and Anna Froton,	Exhaustion.
" 28	Hazel E. LaBonte,	8	William H. and Eva F. Bemis,	Tubercular Meningitis, Appendicitis.
June 11	Annie Card (Wells),	42	Joseph Card,	Carcinoma.
" 12	Mary B. Trull (Brown),	85	John Trull,	Marasmus, consequent upon old age.
" 12	Herbert A. Harvey,	8	Paul Harvey and Sarah Unknown,	Pulm'y Embolism (Carcinoma of Liv. & Stom.
" 17	James A. Whitton,	44	James H. and Harriett R. Fargo,	Bright's Disease, Uraemia.
" 21	Stillborn,	1		Stillborn.
July 6	Clarissa D. (Scrivin) Harris,	98	Ebenezer Harris,	Apoplexy.
" 11	Mary H. (Daverson) Clement,	86	Moses Clement,	Fracture of Hip.
" 15	Joseph Hibbard Hanaford,	81	Peter and Mary Davis,	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 25	John Thomas Holloran,	5	Martin J. and Margaret Collins,	Dentition.
" 28	Ellen (Dunn) Mellen,	11	John Mellen,	Apoplexia.
Aug. 7	William Edward Lamprey,	83	Frank and Molly Cameron,	Malnutrition.
" 11	Ethel E. (Read) Hall,	30	Henry L. Hall,	Septicemia.
" 14	Helen Margaret Lamprey,	5	Frank and Molly Cameron,	Malnutrition, Premature Birth.
" 15	Elma (Sheak) Wright,	1	James Wright,	Cystoma of Left Ovary.
" 22	Albby M. (Horton) Prentiss,	62	Henry Prentiss,	Cardiac.
" 24	Robert J. Mellen,	77	William H. and Rose A. Maulonson,	Enteritis, Tuberculosis.
" 25	Edith May Turner,	10	Adolphe and Sadie Melonson,	Ileo Colitis.
" 30	Walter Augustus O'Brien,	1	John J. and Mary E. Shaw,	Enterocolitis.
Sept. 4	Alice T. Dow (Kent),	4	Charles A. Kent and Adaline Richardson,	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
" 5	Bessie Harnden Richardson,	39	Peter and Mary A. Surette,	Congenital Diarrhoea.
" 10	Mary Gerrude (Melanson) Proton,	35	Jason W. and Mary C. Harnden,	Septicemia.
" 14	Carrie Mary (Barstow) Mitchell,	35	George B. Mitchell,	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 16	Futh Hutchinson,	11	George A. and Bessie M. Briggs,	Rickets, Diarrhoea.
" 19	John Walker,	1	Neal and Unknown,	Valvular Disease of Heart.
" 22	Eliza C. Swan,	68	George Swan,	Senile Debility, Enterocolitis.
" 23	Bessie R. (Chatten) Lynes,	90	James W. Lynes,	Paralysis Corder.
" 24	Stillborn,	34		Stillborn.
" 24	Eliza Tappan (Emery) Tilton,	81	Josiah H. Tilton,	Old Age.
" 24	Necetham Nichols,	90	Ames and Molly Pratt,	Cerebral Hemorrhage, Lumbago.
" 28	William Carter,	88	Asher and Elizabeth Atwell,	Phthisis.
" 30	Frutilla (Wakefield) Emerson,	75	Silas G. Emerson,	Softening of the Brain.
Oct. 5	John R. White,	11	Benjamin and Mary Clement,	Cholera Infantum, Enteritis.
" 5	Stillborn,	4		Stillborn.
" 8	George Erastus Dow,	37	Stillson H. and Syrena Merrill,	Pernicious Anemia.

Oct. 12	Howard Parker Nichols,	48	7	17	Daniel and Elvira Parker,	Anurism Embolus.
" 15	Mary Jane (Dunbar) Palmer,	72	1	28	Ensha and Ann Howland,	Pemicious Anemia.
" 21	Maud M. (Dyson) Gjertz,	28	7	19	Otto Gjertz,	Pelvic Abscess.
" 27	Sarah Jane (Holman) Young,	71	7	23	Samuel C. Young,	Carcinoma of Liver.
" 30	Temperance (Rich) Hawes,	83	5	4	Aaron Rich and Temperance Atwood,	Old Age.
" 31	Erdix Tenney Swift,	89	10	22	Linneas and Debra Dearborn,	Disease of Heart, Valvular.
Nov. 9	Ethel Roby Lloyd,	25	6	1	Alfred H. and Luella K. Jones,	Bright's Disease.
" 13	Mehitable McLearn,	69	—	—	Unknown—Unknown.	Cerebral Hemorrhages.
" 25	Rosamond E. (Tukey) Wakefield,	25	3	3	Greenleaf S. and Sarah E. Butman,	General Debility.
" 28	Mary J. (Richardson) Capron,	33	10	—	Loami Richardson and Judith Foster,	Hemorrhage of Lungs, Pneumonia.
Dec. 1	E. Frank Annsden,	49	11	9	Elbridge and Harriett Spaulding,	Valvular Disease of Heart.
" 5	Lydia F. (Knight) Richardson,	85	11	25	Thomas Richardson,	Diabetes, Mellitus.
" 6	Charles Frederick Grover,	18	—	8	Charles E. and Annie Williams,	Pneumonia.
" 13	Alathea L. (Adams) Demsey,	58	1	6	Benjamin P. and Mehitable Averill,	Chronic Myelitis Nephritis.
" 30	Fannie Fay Cotterell,	67	8	26	Joseph H. Cotterell,	Stillborn.
" 31	Stillborn, Twin,	88	3	24	Adam Hetler,	Old Age, Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 31	Sarah Hetler,					

Whole number of deaths recorded, 99; males, 53; females, 46. Nativity: American—males, 41; females, 44. Foreign—males, 2; females, 12.
Ages: 90 to 100, 4; 80 to 90, 14; 70 to 80, 11; 60 to 70, 15; 50 to 60, 8; 40 to 50, 6; 30 to 40, 6; 20 to 30, 7; 10 to 20, 2; 1 to 10, 6; less than one year, 20.

DOGS LICENSED IN THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 1, 1900.

Whole number licenses issued, including two issued in Dec., 1899		207
For males, 184 at \$2 each	\$368 00	
“ females, 23 at \$5 each	115 00	
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	\$483 00	
Less fees for 207 licenses at 20 cents each . .	41 40	
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		\$441 60
Amount due County	\$441 60	
1900, June 1st, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer	176 40	
1900, Dec. 1st, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer	265 20	
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		\$441 60

JAMES REID, *Town Clerk.*

SELECTMEN'S GENERAL REPORT.

FOR FISCAL YEAR OF 1900—ENDING DEC. 31st.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

In compliance with the By-Laws we submit herewith our report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1900:

Speaking collectively:—We have endeavored to carry out the wishes of the citizens of the town, as expressed by their votes at the last annual meeting, in referring matters to this Board for special consideration or action.

We take this opportunity to call your attention to the fact that the expenses of the several departments are increasing each year, and we believe it our duty at this time to caution the citizens and heads of departments against advocating any increase in the appropriations unless found to be absolutely necessary for the needs and conduct of the business of the town.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

This department, the most important and the appropriation for which is the largest of any under our immediate charge, has demanded a large share of our attention.

The mild weather and absence of snow carried the highway work into December, rendering an increase in the expenditure on account of this department necessary, to meet which we made draft upon the Street Railway Tax fund sufficient to cover said

The foregoing are a few of the many matters which have demanded our attention the past year; but for further information, in detail, we invite your perusal of the financial statements pertaining to the various appropriations, which follow.

Detailed statements of the finances of the several departments are presented on the succeeding pages; they have been carefully compiled and accurately transcribed. We submit them for your approval.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year:

Salaries of Town Officers	\$3,400 00
Support of Poor	4,000 00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200 00
State and Military Aid	2,500 00
Abatement of Taxes	700 00
Printing	500 00
Town Building	300 00
Election Expenses	200 00
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks	5,500 00
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (abutters paying one-half)	400 00
Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters	500 00
Repairs of Concrete	300 00
Removing Snow and Ice	600 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	800 00
Care and Improvement of the Common, Elm Park and Mayall Park	150 00
Forest Fires	150 00
Interest	1,000 00

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,

Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$3,300 00
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EXPENDED.

James Reid, Town Clerk to Jan. 1, 1901 .	\$75 00
James Reid, Clerk Board of Registrars, Jan.	
1, 1901	40 00
Wm. I. Ruggles, Salary Selectman and	
Overseer of Poor, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan.	
1, 1901	291 67
Oliver L. Akerley, Salary Selectman and	
Overseer of Poor, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan.	
1, 1901	250 00
Geo. A. Shackford, Salary Selectman and	
Overseer of Poor, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan.	
1, 1901	258 33
E. N. Hunt, Salary Auditor, 1899 . . .	33 33
W. M. Scott, Salary Auditor, 1899 . . .	33 33
A. P. Dane, Salary Auditor, 1899 . . .	33 33
Geo. L. Flint, Moderator March 5, 1900,	
May 16, 1900	15 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,029 99	\$3,300 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,029 99	\$3,300 00
J. H. Carleton, Salary Electric Light Commissioner, March 1, 1899, to March 1, 1900	100 00	
A. N. Howes, Salary Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	75 00	
C. L. Martin, Salary Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	75 00	
H. R. Johnson, Salary Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	75 00	
E. B. Drake, Salary Water Commissioner, March 7, 1899, to March 4, 1901	125 00	
Owen McKenney, Registrar, May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900	30 00	
W. S. Kinsley, Registrar, May 1, 1899, to March 1, 1900	25 00	
J. F. Turner, Registrar, May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900	30 00	
Edw. F. Parker, Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	400 00	
Edw. F. Parker, Assessor, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	300 00	
J. H. Adden, Assessor, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	310 00	
W. W. Davis, Assessor, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	310 00	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health to Jan. 1, 1901	50 00	
Géo. F. Dow, Board of Health, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	25 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,959 99	\$3,300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,959 99	\$3,300 00
C. H. Playdon, Board of Health, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	25 00	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1899	140 75	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1900	423 91	
Overdrawn		249 65
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	\$3,549 65	\$3,549 65

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE.

Appropriation	\$250 00
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EXPENDED.

S. S. Bell, Manager, electric light and supplies	68 39	
H. M. Viall, expressing and stamps	4 80	
C. L. Martin, fuel, 1899	93 75	
C. L. Martin, fuel, 1900	23 00	
C. M. Barrows, order book	13 00	
Kirk A. Parker, typewriting	5 95	
H. Prentiss, postmaster, stamps	20 00	
T. Groom & Co., tax collector's books, receipt books and cash books, assessors' letter book and tax record	23 95	
M. R. Warren Co., books and stationery . .	7 75	
Reading Water Works, water rates	5 54	
F. E. Merrill, care of building	32 75	
Arthur Peaton, pens	2 50	
Geo. F. King & Co., mortgage book	4 25	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$305 63	\$250 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$305 63	\$250 00
H. M. Meek Pub. Co., directory 1900	2 00	
Francis Bros., labor and repairs on heater, broom and door check	16 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel	55 03	
N. W. Broad, repairs	77	
M. F. Charles, stationery	2 53	
H. Stock, labor	1 75	
M. E. Nichols, setting glass	1 31	
Almshouse, fuel	1 25	
Overdrawn		136 27
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	\$386 27	\$386 27

ELECTION EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$200 00
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EXPENDED.

John Connolly, election officer Nov. 7, 1899	5 00	
E. C. Parker, distributing notices	1 00	
W. H. Perkins, teller Mar. 5, 1900	3 00	
J. C. Phinney, teller Mar. 5, 1900	3 00	
J. C. Phinney, extra labor	7 00	
J. C. Phinney, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
H. A. Parker, distributing ballots Mar. 5, 1900.	3 00	
H. A. Parker, distributing ballots Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
W. F. Eaton, teller Mar. 5, 1900	3 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$35 00	\$200 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$35 00	\$200 00
W. F. Eaton, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
F. D. Merrill, posting notices and warrants	4 00	
Lyceum Hall Ass'n, rent of hall . . .	60 50	
G. L. Pratt, ballot clerk Mar. 5, 1900 . .	3 00	
G. L. Pratt, election officer Nov. 6, 1900 .	5 00	
E. Wight, distributing ballots Mar. 6, 1900	3 00	
G. L. Flint, moderator Aug. 6, 1900 . . .	5 00	
W. I. Ruggles, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
G. A. Shackford, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
W. S. Prentiss, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
F. K. Black, election officer Nov. 6, 1900 .	5 00	
G. L. Flint, election officer Nov. 6, 1900 .	5 00	
J. E. Dennehy, election officer Nov. 6, 1900,	5 00	
W. H. Perkins, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
C. H. Stinchfield, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
J. C. Nichols, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
D. T. Bickford, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
G. H. Atkinson, paper bags	18	
Cummings Express, expressing	20	
A. W. Danforth, election officer Nov. 6, 1900	5 00	
Unexpended	19 12	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation	500 00
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EXPENDED.

H. M. Dolbeare, dog licenses, posters, and property returns	10 32	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$10 32	\$500 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$10 32	\$500 00
P. B. Murphy, assessors' notices . . .	1 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, town reports, extra warrants and miscellaneous printing	468 30	
Unexpended	19 88	
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

ESTATE OF ELIZA C. SWAN.

Balance in hands of Town . . .	38 04
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EXPENDED.

Cash and fuel	10 75	
Danvers Insane Hospital, board . . .	123 98	
Overdrawn		96 69
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	\$134 73	\$134 73

Mrs. Swan died Sept. 22, 1900. This property is now in possession of the Town and rented at \$8.50 per month.

WILLARD WELSH *vs.* TOWN OF READING.

(No Appropriation.)

EXPENDED.

Arthur P. French, settlement in full . . .	\$45 00
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IPSWICH MILLS *vs.* TOWN OF READING.

(No Appropriation.)

EXPENDED.

Arthur P. French, Attorney, on account . .	300 00
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MARGARET ALLEN *vs.* TOWN OF READING.

(No Appropriation.)

James W. Grimes, settlement in full . . .	\$105 00
James W. Grimes, services . . .	25 00
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	\$130 00

DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation	\$175 00
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EXPENDED.

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	\$175 00	
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	\$175 00	\$175 00

BANDSTAND.

Appropriation	\$500 00
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EXPENDED.

Stewart & Robertson, labor and material .	\$500 00	
E. P. Bancroft, labor and team	3 00	
S. S. Bell, Mgr., electric fixtures and labor .	7 05	
Overdrawn		10 05
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	\$510 05	\$510 05

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT.

MAINTENANCE.

Appropriation	\$4,500 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>
	\$4,500 00

Amount brought forward \$4,500 00

EXPENDED.

Municipal Light Board	\$4,500 00	
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CONSTRUCTION.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
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EXPENDED.

Municipal Light Board	\$1,500 00	
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INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES.

Appropriation	\$2,276 50
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EXPENDED.

Municipal Light Board	\$2,276 50	
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ARC LAMPS.

(Bancroft Avenue and Mineral Street.)

Appropriation	\$165 00
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EXPENDED.

Municipal Light Board	\$165 00	
					\$165 00	\$165 00

REDUCTION MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEBT.

(Note issued May 1, 1896.)

Amount raised by taxation . . .	\$1,400 00
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EXPENDED.

Edw. F. Parker, treas., note paid by him .	\$1,400 00
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	<u>\$1,400 00</u>	<u>\$1,400 00</u>
Amount raised by taxation . . .		\$1,000 00

EXPENDED.

Edw. F. Parker, treas., bond No. 6, issue 1894, paid by him	\$1,000
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	<u>\$1,000 00</u>	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
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SCHOOL HOUSE NOTE.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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EXPENDED.

Edw. F. Parker, treas., note due May 1, 1900, issue May 1, 1896, paid by him .	\$2,000 00
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	<u>\$2,000 00</u>	<u>\$2,000 00</u>
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SCHOOL HOUSE BOND.

Amount raised by taxation	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDED.

Edw. F. Parker, treas., bond No. 3, issue Aug. 1, 1895, paid by him	\$1,000 00
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	<u>\$1,000 00</u>	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
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INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

Appropriation	\$520 00
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EXPENDED.

Susan T. Howard	\$200 00	
Granite Savings Bank	35 00	
Edw. F. Parker, treas., interest paid by him	235 00	
Unexpended	50 00	
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	\$520 00	\$520 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS.

Appropriation	\$1,520 00
Unexpended balance 1899	20 00

EXPENDED.

Edw. F. Parker, treas., coupon 1899, and coupons 1900, paid by him	\$1,460 00	
Unexpended	80 00	
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	\$1,540 00	\$1,540 00

INTEREST ON WATER LOAN.

Appropriation	\$2,470 00
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EXPENDED.

Reading Water Works	\$2,470 00	
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	\$2,470 00	\$2,470 00

HYDRANT RENTALS.

Appropriation	\$3,930 00
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EXPENDED.

Reading Water Works	3,930 00	
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	\$3,930 00	\$3,930 00

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Appropriation		\$300 00	
EXPENDED.			
Reading Water Works	\$300 00		
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	\$300 00		\$300 00

REDUCTION OF WATER LOAN.

Amount raised by taxation		\$7,000 00	
EXPENDED.			
Edw. F. Parker, treas., water bonds 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 155 and 156, paid by him .	\$7,000 00		
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	\$7,000 00		\$7,000 00

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Appropriation		\$2,300 00	
EXPENDED.			
State Aid.			
Marietta Baker	\$48 00		
William H. Baker	48 00		
Marcus M. Bancroft	48 00		
Eben B. Bickford	48 00		
Sarah J. Bickford	48 00		
William Bryden	48 00		
Emmons Buck	12 00		
Julia Buck	8 00		
Edmund Buxton	44 00		
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$352 00		\$2,300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$352 00	\$2,300 00
Mary J. Capron	44 00	
Reuben R. Coates	48 00	
David P. Cook	48 00	
Mary M. Cook	48 00	
Harriet M. Crouch	24 00	
Ellen M. Damon	48 00	
John Damon	48 00	
Sarah A. Deadman	24 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	48 00	
John D. DeRonde	48 00	
Harriet Dow	20 00	
Stillson H. Dow	48 00	
Charles C. Frost	48 00	
Mary P. Goodwin	48 00	
Samuel Goodwin	48 00	
Theodore F. Gould	48 00	
Jaques Gowing	12 00	
Sarah Hetler	48 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Richmond Heselton	72 00	
R. Melissa Hollis	8 00	
Squire Holt	48 00	
William H. Jones	28 00	
William L. Jones	24 00	
William LaClair	36 00	
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Gustavus Loring	24 00	
Susan R. Lovejoy	48 00	
Edwin Manning	28 00	
William H. Mathews	12 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,512 00	<hr/> \$2,300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,512 00	\$2,300 00
Mary McIntire	48 00	
Charles W. Milbery	48 00	
Sarah M. Milbery	48 00	
Horace A. Parker	54 00	
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
Susan R. Poor	24 00	
David G. Richardson	48 00	
Susan M. Richardson	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Helen M. Sherman	48 00	
William H. Sherman	72 00	
Harriet M. Symonds	3 00	
George Thayer	24 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
George A. W. Vinall	48 00	
Harriet B. Vinall	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin	60 00	
James Whittaker	3 00	
Marcella Woods	48 00	
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To be paid by the State	\$2,376 00	\$2,300 00

MILITARY AID.

Henry Batchelder	30 00	
Newell C. Flanders	50 00	
Benj. F. McAllister	18 00	
George Thayer	60 00	
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One-half to be paid by State	\$158 00	
Overdrawn		\$234 00
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	\$2,534 00	\$2,534 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	\$800 00
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EXPENDED.

Marcus M. Bancroft, rent and fuel . . .	\$194 21	
Henry Batchelder, supplies	48 00	
William Bryden, supplies and fuel . . .	14 55	
Martha Bessey, supplies	48 00	
Chas. H. Champney, supplies and fuel . .	127 19	
Sarah A. Deadman, supplies	100 49	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, supplies	24 00	
Sarah Hetler, rent, supplies and fuel . .	90 46	
John H. Jennings, supplies and fuel . .	73 65	
Benj. F. McAllister, supplies, medicine, medical aid, nursing and fuel	202 00	
Mary J. McAllister, supplies	15 00	
Horace A. Parker, rent	64 00	
Susan M. Penny, supplies	48 00	
David G. Richardson, supplies	156 00	
Wm. H. Sherman, rent, fuel and nursing .	162 70	
Marcella Woods, rent	24 00	
Janet C. Varney, supplies	48 00	
Overdrawn		640 25
	<hr/> \$1,440 25	<hr/> \$1,440 25

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACT.

Amount due from town of North Reading	\$93 30
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EXPENDED.

Mrs. Fred C. McIntire and family, fuel, sup- plies and rent	\$93 30	
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Amount received for Auctioneers' licenses .	4 00
Slaughter House license, 1898	1 00
Carriage licenses	11 00
F. W. Parker, sealer weights and measures, fees	4 88
Jas. A. Bancroft, collector tax 1872 . . .	3 88

EXPENDED.

Labor trimming trees	\$96 39	
Labor on ditches	129 12	
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R., electric lighting	50 00	
W. H. Wightman, insurance premium .	4 00	
S. Brown, guide board	40	
F. W. Danforth, painting sign	75	
M. F. Charles, stationery	1 40	
J. A. Bancroft, plan	1 00	
S. W. Bowker, carriage hire	2 75	
O. C. B. Nason, M. D., reporting births .	3 25	
Geo. F. Dow, M. D., reporting births .	5 50	
Mrs. S. Porter, reporting births	2 25	
Mrs. E. Rosson, reporting births	2 00	
James Reid, recording deaths, births and marriages, postage, stationery and extra labor	96 85	
Solon Bancroft, legal services	8 25	
E. W. Bancroft, legal services	10 00	
J. H. Adden, investigating records . . .	20 00	
Miss M. L. Andrews, typewriting . . .	50	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$434 41	<hr/> \$824 76

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$434 41	\$824 76
Edgerley & Bessom, reporting deaths.	6 75	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	1 26	
E. C. Parker, distributing notices	1 00	
J. F. Burnham, distributing town reports 1899	10 00	
W. A. Baneroft, painting water trough	2 00	
U. S. Flag and Decorating Co., decorating Town Building	15 00	
E. F. Parker, miscellaneous expense	13 30	
Cummings Express, expressing	1 55	
American Express, expressing	75	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., record book	85	
Francis Bros., repairing pump	5 50	
Allen Bros., steel stamps and figures	2 45	
J. H. Rowe, repairing roof Town Building	24 90	
Lyceum Hall Ass'n, rent of hall for caucuses	16 00	
A. W. Danforth, telephoning	1 00	
Old South M. E. church, care of clock	50 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, supplies	41 75	
C. H. Playdon, Inspector of Animals and Provisions, Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901	112 50	
F. W. Parker, salary and sundries	32 18	
Priest, Page & Co., scales, weights, etc.	75 00	
W. I. Ruggles, cash paid B. F. McAllister on account of assignment and record- ing deed	1 99	
Overdrawn		25 38
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	\$850 14	\$850 14

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS.

Appropriation	\$150 00
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EXPENDED.

Reading Water Works, water rentals	\$12 00	
Jason Zwicker, labor and fertilizer	13 00	
Francis Bros., wire	1 35	
George H. Atkinson, grass seed	2 59	
E. H. Forbes, labor and teams	50 00	
Orne Green, labor	65 25	
Unexpended	5 81	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

VALUATION REPORTS.

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED.

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, reports	\$207 60	
W. W. Davis, labor	40 00	
J. H. Adden, labor	40 00	
H. M. Viall, expressing	1 75	
Unexpended	10 65	
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	\$300 00	\$300 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation	\$400 00
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EXPENDED.

Harley Prentiss, collector	\$370 20	
Herbert M. Viall, collector	28 71	
Unexpended	1 09	
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	\$400 00	\$400 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Amount received from First National Bank, interest on deposits	151 10
Amount received from rent of Swan estate to Jan. 1, '01	24 23
Amount received from H. Prentiss, collector 1898	773 94
Amount received from H. M. Viall, collector 1899	489 32
Amount received from H. M. Viall, collector 1900	89 77

EXPENDED.

Discount on four notes \$10,000 each, tem- porary loan	\$925 56	
Discount on two notes \$10,000 each, tempo- rary loan	558 25	
Interest on Howard Place and Haven street notes, \$2500 and \$1000	131 25	
Discount on one note \$10,000, temporary loan	282 63	
Discount on one note \$5,000, temporary loan	90 63	
Interest on two notes \$5,000 each, and two notes \$10,000 each, temporary loan	259 37	
A. W. Danforth, Sec'y, interest on trust funds	243 50	
Overdrawn		762 83
	<hr/> \$2,491 19	<hr/> \$2,491 19

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FOR THE YEAR 1900.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—I would recommend that the salary of the Sealer be \$75 for the coming year.

The work will be harder, and a great deal more of it than ever before. Other towns have gone to great expense fitting up a room for the Sealer. It has cost this town nothing the past year for a place for the Sealer to do his work.

I think when the people of the town become aware how much the Sealer has to do, and the time it requires, they will realize the stated salary is none too large.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK W. PARKER.

	CORRECT	ADJUSTED	TOTAL	WEIGHTS
No. of scales over 5000 lbs.,	1	4	5	32
“ “ “ under 5000 lbs.,	2	17	19	66
“ “ “	23	32	55	
“ “ Computing scales,	2	1	3	
“ “ Ice scales,	2	3	5	
“ “ Pan scales,	15	1	16	
“ “ Weights for small scales,	152	75	227	

	CORRECT ADJUSTED TOTAL WEIGHTS		
No. of Milk measure	13		13
“ “ Wet “	53	C. D. 2	55
“ “ Dry “	54	C. D. 5	59
“ “ Glass jars,	2123	Adj. 63 C. D. 236	2422
“ “ Tin cans,	165		165
“ “ Yard sticks,	13		13

Received for work done outside office for the year 1900, \$4.88.

Lead on hand, 2 lbs.; lead used, 1 lb.; shot on hand, 7 oz.; shot used $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

The Sealer would recommend that the Selectmen furnish one 10-lb. and one 5-lb. weight with rings for trying small steelyards and spring balancers.

The letter R used is the Town Seal, and is used on all things sealed that are found correct. C. D. is used when things cannot be made to conform with the standard weights and measures. Jars with ring around the top have been adjusted, and are correct to ring.

FRANK W. PARKER.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$5,500 00
Material sold	8 05
A portion of amount received from street railways, franchise and ex- cise tax	553 30

EXPENDED.

R. L. Beers, sharpening tools	85	
Moore & Co., powder, caps and fuse	5 73	
O. O. Ordway, repairs of tools	29 71	
F. E. Newhall, bound stones and cap stones	13 90	
H. K. Austin, pipe and supplies	29 37	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	1 06	
M. F. Charles, time books	50	
J. A. Bancroft, surveys and plans	19 50	
E. L. Lovejoy, storing road scraper and roller	8 70	
A. G. Emerson, superintendent	617 15	
Labor and teams	2,332 64	
Labor	2,493 12	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$5,552 23	\$6,061 35

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,552 23	\$6,061 35
R. C. Totten, repairs on tools	22 79	
S. Brown, repairs on tools	3 05	
Fife Bros., Carter & Co., repairs on pumps	9 92	
Reading Planing Mill, lumber	50	
Town of North Reading, repairs on bridge	14 75	
Mrs. A. M. Barnard, rent	36 00	
Mrs. F. Miller, storing road scraper . .	4 00	
Francis Bros., supplies	20 68	
C. S. Pratt, dynamite	3 15	
Ames Plow Co., rubbish barrels	7 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber and pipe . .	26 55	
F. Wallace, tools and supplies	1 80	
Dover Stamping Co., dippers	1 00	
Moore & Phillips, tools	30	
R. A. White, carriage hire	1 50	
G. H. Atkinson, supplies	4 18	
N. Bancroft, rubber boots	3 00	
H. V. Hildreth, paving blocks	21 48	
Boston & Maine R. R. freight	1 00	
D. W. Berry, granite	3 68	
W. H. Mears, supplies	1 10	
John Muse, edgestones and setting . .	76 62	
Gravel	245 07	
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	\$6,061 35	\$6,061 35

CONCRETE GUTTERS, CROSSWALKS AND PAVED
GUTTERS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$500 00

Amount brought forward \$500 00

EXPENDED.

R. C. Totten, repairs of tools . . .	2 34	
Samuel Brown, measuring concrete . .	1 00	
C. H. McIntire, paving stones . . .	84	
H. W. Batchelder, paving stones . .	39 00	
A. L. Chapman, paving stones . . .	3 25	
Asa Parker, paving stones . . .	13 50	
Chas. R. Morgan, paving stones . .	3 25	
Jas. A. Bancroft, measuring concrete .	2 00	
E. H. Forbes, concrete	50 14	
Labor and teams	105 08	
Labor	217 53	
Unexpended	62 07	
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

REPAIRS OF CONCRETE.

Appropriation	\$300 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax .	112 20

EXPENDED.

E. H. Forbes, concrete	\$407 95	
Samuel Brown, measuring concrete . .	4 25	
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	\$412 20	\$412 20

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES.

ABUTTERS TO PAY ONE-HALF.

Appropriation	\$400 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>
	\$400 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$500 00
Amount received from M. R. Batchelder	21 01
“ “ “ A. H. Carter .	21 34
“ “ “ W. L. Bailey .	19 38
“ “ “ A. E. Prescott .	20 09
“ “ “ Fred H. Parker	17 44
“ due from Galen A. Parker .	47 80
“ “ “ L. G. Howard .	84 84
“ “ “ A. S. Canty . . .	1 75

EXPENDED.

E. H. Forbes, concrete	\$52 59	
John Muse, edgestone	388 83	
A. G. Emerson, labor	24 43	
Samuel Brown, measuring concrete . .	50	
Unexpended	167 30	
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	\$633 65	\$633 65

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS WITH EDGESTONES, SOUTH-
 ERLY SIDE MIDDLESEX AVE., BANCROFT
 AVE., TO DEERING STREET.

Unexpended balance 1899 street rail- way franchise and excise tax .	\$262 36
A portion of street railway franchise and excise tax, 1900 . . .	85 20
Due from abutters	275 02

EXPENDED.

E. H. Forbes, concrete	\$265 99	
John Muse, edgestone	326 62	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$592 61	\$622 58

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$592 61	\$622 58
A. G. Emerson	20 22	
Jas. A. Bancroft, measuring concrete .	1 25	
Jas. A. Bancroft, measuring concrete and edgestones and extra labor . . .	8 50	
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	\$622 58	\$622 58

HOWARD PLACE (Now Haven Street).

Appropriation	\$300 00
Unexpended balance, 1899 . . .	200 00

EXPENDED.

L. G. Howard, land damages in full . . .	\$500 00	
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

HAVEN STREET (Paving).

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDED.

A. G. Langfeld, contractor, labor . . .	120 00	
H. V. Hildreth, paving stones . . .	475 03	
S. W. Bowker, labor and team . . .	54 45	
Samuel Brown, measuring paving . . .	1 50	
E. H. Forbes, concreting and labor . . .	63 19	
Labor and teams	83 95	
Labor	44 00	
Unexpended	157 88	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

GRAND STREET EXTENSION TO LOWELL STREET.

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED.

Labor and teams	107 50	
Labor	187 58	
Moore & Co., powder and caps . .	7 00	
Overdrawn		2 08
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	\$302 08	\$302 08

DRAIN ACROSS LAND OF GALEN A. & MILTON D. PARKER.

Appropriation	\$200 00
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EXPENDED.

Wendell Bancroft & Co., drain pipe, cement, and cistern cover	151 08	
Jas. A. Bancroft, survey and plans . .	11 50	
O. O. Ordway, cover for drain pipe . .	50	
Reading Planing Mills, lumber	75	
Labor and teams	24 00	
Labor	71 75	
Overdrawn		59 58
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	\$259 58	\$259 58

STREET SPRINKLER.

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED.

Abbott Downing Co., street sprinkler .	300 00	
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	\$300 00	\$300 00

SPRINKLING STREETS.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Amount refunded account overpayment .	1 00

EXPENDED.

Field & Cowles, account insurance on cart	3 00	
Francis Bros., wagon jack	2 00	
A. H. Parker, labor and use of horses .	24 00	
John Stock, labor and use of horses . .	320 00	
Unexpended	52 00	
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	\$401 00	\$401 00

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.

Appropriation	\$600 00
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EXPENDED.

Labor and teams	147 78	
Labor	88 54	
D. C. Sanborn, use of plow	7 50	
O. O. Ordway, repairing plows . . .	2 00	
W. A. Bancroft, " "	3 00	
Samuel Brown, " "	2 50	
R. C. Totten, " "	12 00	
F. W. Danforth, " "	4 50	
Parker Nichols, building "	7 00	
H. W. Batchelder, sand	3 00	
E. H. Forbes, sand	75	
Unexpended	321 43	
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	\$600 00	\$600 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF STREET RAILWAY TAX.

Amount received in 1899, Franchise Tax	\$536 35
“ “ “ “ Excise “ .	191 82
“ “ “ “ Franchise “ .	471 14
“ “ “ 1900, “ “ .	1,012 28
“ “ “ Excise “ .	1,221 75

EXPENDED.

Highway account 1899	36 07
Repairs of concrete 1889	295 62
Removal of snow and ice 1899	134 12
Middlesex ave., sidewalk, concrete and edge- stones, 1900	347 56
Highway account 1900	553 30
Repairs of concrete 1900	112 20
Unexpended	1,954 47
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	\$3,433 34 \$3,433 34

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred (1900).

During the year the Department responded to 23 bell alarms and 5 still alarms.

The Department consists of:

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two enginemen.

Hook and Ladder Truck No. 1, twelve men.

Hose Co. No. 1, thirteen men, at Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, fourteen men, Hose House Woburn Street.

Hose No. 3, six men, North Main Street.

Hose No. 4, six men, Hopkins Street, near Chestnut Hill School.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Grove Street at Elwing J. Roundy's.

By vote of the Town the Steamer was rebuilt, and an entire new boiler put on by the Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine Co. of Manchester, N. H., making it as good as new, and will, no doubt, answer all needs of the Town for many years.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was reappointed Sup't of Fire Alarm, and he has kept the service in first class condition. Four new alarm boxes have been added during the year, and it would be a good policy for the Town to make an addition each year as the

promptness in sounding the alarm may mean the saving of much property.

While the numbers of alarms have exceeded any previous year, the fire loss will compare favorably with surrounding towns.

The Department was called to Wakefield twice and rendered efficient aid to their Department and to the satisfaction of its citizens, as the appended letter will show.

Letter of C. H. Lang, Jr. :

WAKEFIELD, MASS., May 8th, 1900.

FRANK NICHOLS, Esq.,

Chief Engineer Fire Department,
Reading, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—

We wish through you to thank the Reading Fire Department for their prompt response to the call for assistance on the occasion of the fire of the 4th inst., which partially destroyed one of the buildings of our plant in this town.

To such prompt response was added efficient and valuable service. We understand that one of your men, Mr. John O'Brien, while bravely performing his duty, received serious injuries which will prevent him for some time from engaging in his usual occupation.

We enclose herewith our check on the National Bank of South Reading for \$100 to his order, and which we will thank you to hand to him personally with our compliments. You will also kindly express to him our hopes for his speedy and complete recovery.

Again thanking you and the men in your command for the service rendered, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

HEYWOOD BROS. AND WAKEFIELD CO.,

C. H. LANG, JR., Treasurer.

And we have the satisfaction of knowing that Wakefield is ready and willing to help us should occasion require as they always have in the past over a long series of years dating from hand engine days.

In compliance with the vote of the Town at the last annual meeting we have placed a hose wagon at Hill End and now believe that it should be properly housed. The reel at Hill End has been placed in the Elmdale district and a Volunteer Co. formed known as Hose Co. No. 5. We would recommend that the house of Hose 2 be remodelled this year so as to accommodate a permanent horse and man to cover a large amount of dwelling-house property, believing that it could be done at a small outlay for the benefit to be gained.

Owing to a force of circumstances over which we had no control, the hose house at No. Main street was lost to department uses, and we would recommend that some action be taken to properly house their apparatus.

In conclusion, we would thank the members and citizens who have so willingly assisted the department, the police department, which has rendered all aid possible in protecting property, and especially the Reading Rubber Mills for the free use of steam for the fire whistle.

We would recommend for the Fire Department and for the care and extension of the fire alarm system the sum of three thousand and six hundred dollars (\$3600); four thousand and two hundred (\$4200) for Hydrant Rental; two hundred and seventy five dollars (\$275) for fire hose.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*,
GEO. L. PRATT, *Ass't Chief*,
CHAS. H. STINCHFIELD, *Clerk*,

Board of Engineers Reading Fire Department.

READING, Jan. 24, 1901.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM.

To the Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:

I submit the following report:

The fire alarm system is in good working order at the present time.

Some of the poles and wire will have to be replaced by new the coming year. There has been added to the system during the year four new boxes:

No. 29—Cor. of King and West streets.

“ 61—Cor. of Main and Washington streets.

“ 64—On Central Fire Station.

“ 65—Cor. Middlesex and Bancroft Aves.

One tapper for the Chief, and one relay at Capt. Crowe's house. This makes a system of $38\frac{1}{2}$ miles of wire, one repeater, one steam whistle, two tower strikers, twelve house tappers, five relays, 144 jars of battery and twenty six boxes, located as follows:

13—Corner of Ash and Avon streets.

15—Corner of Walnut street and Summer ave.

16—Main, near South street.

17—Lincoln street, near R. R. depot.

24—Mineral street, near High.

25—Prospect, near King.

26—Hose 2 house, Woburn street.

- 27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott street.
- 28—West street, near Dewhurst's store.
- 29—Corner West and King streets.
- 32—Franklin street, opp. second house from Grove.
- 33—Lowell, Eastern Rubber Co. Works..
- 34—Corner Grove and Forest streets.
- 35—Corner Main and Locust streets.
- 36—Corner Bancroft Ave. and Locust street.
- 37—Main street, near Brooks Nichols'.
- 42—Corner John and Haven streets.
- 44—Corner Salem and Pearl streets.
- 45—Corner Salem and Belmont streets.
- 47—Corner Haverhill and Charles streets.
- 55—Reading Rubber Mills.
- 61—Corner Main and Washington streets.
- 62—Corner Main and Haven streets.
- 63—Congregational Church.
- 64—Central Fire Station.
- 65—Corner Bancroft and Middlesex Aves.

Yours respectfully,

LEONARD T. EAMES,

Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1900.

Date.	Box.	Time.	Owner.	Occupants.	Loss on Building.	Ins. on Build'g	Ins. Paid.	Loss on Contents.	Ins. on Cont'ts	Ins. Paid.	Cause and Remarks.
Jan.	29	still	Horton M'fg Co.....	Horton M'fg Co.....							No damage.....
"	29	26	M. F. D'Arcy.....	M. F. D'Arcy.....	\$700	\$5000	\$700	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	Sparks from furnace..
Feb.	27	17	Proctor Estate.....	H. K. Austin.....							Needless.....
Mar.	5	62	L. G. Howard.....	A. C. Nichols.....	75	1200	75	35	None		Cloth'g fall'g on stove
April	1	35									Set by boys.....
"	20	24									Burning grass.....
"	26	37	Mrs. E. M. Cook.....	{ Chas. E. Gentner ..	875	1700	875	Small	None		Brush fire.....
"	26	37		{ Mrs. E. M. Cook....							Ronfire.....
"	26	62	J. H. Adden.....	J. H. Adden.....	75	500	75				Burning grass.....
"	27	16	Mrs. A. A. Cook.....	Mrs. A. A. Cook.....	35	500	35				Accidental.....
"	30	28	James Wilson.....	James Wilson.....							Call to Wakefield.....
May	4	62	C. C. Richardson..	C. C. Richardson.....	200						Unknown.....
"	9	26									Brush fire.....
"	11	33									False alarm.....
June	23	33									Chimney fire.....
July	3	still	Judd House.....								False alarm.....
"	3	24									Call to Wakefield.....
"	7	still	G. H. Atkinson.....	G. H. Atkinson.....							False alarm.....
"	21	62									Set by insane inmate..
"	22	47									Brush fire.....
Aug.	12	44	Town of Reading....	J. F. Burnham.....	961	2500	961	136	None		Brush fire.....
Sept.	12	36									Accidental.....
"	12	still									Incendiary.....
"	28	62	V. H. Grover.....	Mrs. A. J. Varney....	265	1000	265	119 25	500	119 25	Second alarm.....
"	28	25	F. K. Black.....	unoccupied.....	4200						Extinguished by Police
Dec.	22	53	F. K. Black.....	unoccupied.....							Cloth'g hung on stove.
"	22	53	Lycium Hall Asso....	Copeland & Bowser...							
"	22	still	W. S. Parker.....	W. S. Parker.....	90	90	90		None		

The Department has travelled 252½ miles, Laid 16,200 feet of hose, Used 473 feet of ladders, Used 25 gallons chemicals, Served 36½ hours,

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$3,200 00
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EXPENDED.

F. G. Nichols, salary (chief) engineer, year ending April 30, 1900	\$60 00
C. H. Stinchfield, salary (clerk) engineer, May 1, 1899, to Dec. 31, 1900	95 00
Geo. L. Pratt, salary engineer, May 1, 1899, to Nov. 1, 1900	80 00
L. T. Eames, engineer Steamer No. 1, year ending Dec. 31, 1900	81 25
Ora L. Milbury, ass't engineer Steamer No. 1, year ending Dec. 31, 1900	56 50
W. H. Bancroft, steward Hose 2, year ending Nov. 1, 1900	65 00
E. H. Crowe, steward H. & L. No. 1, year ending April 30, 1900	35 00
Parker Nichols, steward Hose No. 3, year ending April 30, 1900	30 00
Firemen's pay roll, year ending April 30, 1900	1,142 00
W. A. Bancroft, horse service, Hose No. 2, year ending Nov. 1, 1900	37 50
S. W. Bowker, horse service, year ending Nov. 1, 1900	201 00
E. H. Forbes, horse service, year ending Nov. 1, 1900	99 00
C. H. McIntire, storage of Hose No. 4, year ending April 30, 1900	15 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,997 25	\$3,200 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,997 25	\$3,200 00
C. H. McIntire, horse service, No. 4 . . .	19 50	
Borthwick Bros., horse service . . .	2 50	
Parker Nichols, horse service . . .	7 50	
E. P. Bancroft, horse service and loam . . .	43 25	
J. B. Nichols, horse service . . .	7 50	
J. McKenney, horse service . . .	1 50	
W. D. Emerson, horse service . . .	3 00	
Geo. B. Stevens, care of hose, year ending May 1, 1900 . . .	33 20	
W. A. Bancroft, use of pung . . .	4 50	
C. L. Martin, use of horse . . .	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, hose wagon . . .	192 00	
C. L. Martin, fuel . . .	43 25	
E. B. Dyer, inspecting boiler . . .	2 00	
W. H. Wightman, insurance premium . . .	37 25	
F. W. Danforth, painting . . .	1 50	
Reading Water Works, water rentals . . .	11 31	
S. S. Bell, Mgr., electric light and supplies . . .	3 52	
W. Bancroft & Co., labor and supplies . . .	48 35	
Francis Bros., hardware and labor . . .	7 39	
Boston Coupling Co., supplies and repairs . . .	45 00	
Geo. M. Stevens, supplies . . .	1 88	
O. O. Ordway, supplies and repairs . . .	19 15	
E. & F. King Co., supplies . . .	6 06	
H. K. Barnes, supplies and repairs . . .	10 50	
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs . . .	39 26	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . .	1 44	
Geo. H. Atkinson, supplies . . .	5 63	
New York Nozzle Co., nozzle tips . . .	25 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,621 69	<hr/> \$3,200 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,621 69	\$3,200 00
Fife Bros., Carter & Co., repairs and supplies	74	
Burditt & Williams, hardware	1 70	
F. O. Dewey Co., lanterns	5 00	
Horton M'fg Co., repairs	2 05	
Coates & Robinson, repairing harness	24 75	
C. E. Berry, repairs on harness	1 00	
C. K. Littlefield, care of flag	2 00	
John A. Boyd, ashes	3 60	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	13 00	
Samuel Brown, ladders and repairs	28 20	
Am. Ex. Co., expressing	15	
Cummings Ex., expressing	17 26	
B. Lehan, refreshments	1 80	
H. E. McIntire, services as fireman	15 00	
H. L. Livermore, services as fireman	16 00	
J. E. McWhirter, labor at fires	2 00	
H. R. Heselton, " " "	1 50	
J. J. O'Brien, " " "	2 25	
John Wadin, " " "	2 75	
F. G. Nichols, " " "	4 00	
L. T. Eames, " " "	2 00	
C. H. Stinchfield, labor, stationery and stamps	2 92	
M. W. Forbes, labor	2 75	
W. J. Bessey, "	1 50	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,775 61	\$3,200 00

FIRE ALARM.

EXPENDED.

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,775 61	\$3,200 00
L. T. Eames, Supt. Fire Alarm year ending		
Dec. 31, 1900	91 97	
Geo. M. Stevens, supplies	184 44	
Beattie Zinc Works, supplies	96 80	
W. Baneroft & Co., supplies and labor	37 50	
S. W. Bowker, carriage hire	27 50	
S. H. Davis, tools	4 65	
F. S. Vermille, labor	25 88	
M. Merrill, labor	2 00	
John Boyd, labor	10 00	
Cummings Ex., expressing	3 00	
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	\$483 74	
Overdrawn		59 35
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	\$3,259 35	\$3,259 35

FOREST FIRES.

Appropriation \$150 00

EXPENDED.

Martin Cummings, salary from May 1, 1899,		
to May 1, 1900	15 00	
Estate of Oren Jones, salary from May 1,		
1899, to May 1, 1900	15 00	
Asa Parker, salary from May 1, 1899, to		
May 1, 1900	15 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$45 00	\$150 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$45 00	\$150 00
W. A. Bancroft, salary from May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900	15 00	
A. G. Nichols, salary from May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900	15 00	
Boston Belting Co., Hose	3 37	
B. Lehan, lunches	3 00	
Labor	240 45	
Overdrawn		171 82
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$321 82	\$321 82

REPAIRS TO STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
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EXPENDED.

Manchester Locomotive Works	\$1,700 00	
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	\$1,700 00	\$1,700 00

NEW FIRE HOSE.

Appropriation	\$250 00
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EXPENDED.

C. W. H. Moulton & Co., 450 feet L. J. Hose	248 62	
Unexpended	1 38	
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	\$250 00	\$250 00

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

We believe the taxpayers will be interested in an enumeration of the improvements made during the year and we feel positive there will be no variance in the opinion that they are *improvements*.

The most expensive piece of work, and the one which, in the spirit of economy, we consider the best, is the building of a bank wall along the side of Olive Path, leading from Oak to Maple Avenue. This is the most travelled path in the cemetery, and owing to its location on the side of the hill was almost constantly out of repair. The bank wall will obviate all difficulties in this respect.

The paving of gutters on the avenues facing Main street has been carried out extensively. We find that this greatly conserves to economy in maintaining the cemetery in repair.

The bank on Locust Hill, which before has been barren and rocky, has been sodded over. A marked improvement in the physical beauty of the cemetery is noticeable.

Fifteen iron standards have been set on the principal avenues, adding greatly to the conveniences of direction and location. Others are needed, but funds were not available, as no special appropriation was made.

The lawn on the right of the Highland street entrance has been graded and sown to seed. Shrubs will be planted there in the Spring.

The regular work has been kept up to the standard of former years.

The above has been possible only through the increased sale of lots, without the revenue from which the Trustees would have been cramped even in the carrying out of the regular work.

Having in the two previous years called for \$1200 and receiving only \$900, the Trustees would this year recommend the sum of \$1000, the least sum they believe they can get along with and carry out the wishes of the Town.

The terms of Alden Batchelder and Edward F. Brooks as Trustees expire this year.

Application has been made by the Reading Home for Aged Women for a lot in the cemetery and it is our recommendation that the Town donate one to them with perpetual care, an article covering which will be found in the warrant.

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman,*
A. W. DANFORTH, *Supt. and Sec'y,*
ALDEN BATCHELDER,
W. E. TWOMBLY,
EDWARD F. BROOKS,
HENRY A. WRIGHT,
Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

Appropriation	\$900 00
Amount received for sale of lots	355 00

EXPENDED.

M. D. Jones & Co., sign posts and markers	\$111 80	
O. O. Ordway, repairs of tools	3 80	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$115 60	\$1,255 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$115 60	\$1,255 00
F. Wallace, grass seed	1 30	
W. B. Jeffrey & Co., flowers and plants	13 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, advertising	1 00	
Merrick & Adams, trees and shrubs	23 00	
E. H. Forbes, concreting	1 50	
Cummings Express, expressing	1 85	
W. Bancroft & Co., cement	2 75	
A. W. Danforth, salary as sec'y	75 00	
Chas. Ingram, sods	6 50	
Labor	1010 37	
Unexpended	2 63	
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	\$1,255 00	\$1,255 00

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Health herewith submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1900.

Number of cases of contagious diseases 71.

Diphtheria,	7
Measles,	20
Scarlet fever,	36
Typhoid fever,	8

No deaths.

Number of houses fumigated, 73.

Certificates to enter school issued, 43.

Sanitary notices served, 8, all of which were complied with.

Permits to do plumbing issued, 84.

Permits to lay drains issued, 35, all of which were laid and inspected.

Several houses have been fumigated where cases of tuberculosis have occurred, also three of the larger school buildings, and the expense borne by the Board. We have, therefore, of necessity, overdrawn our appropriation, and we feel that we must ask for a larger appropriation for the ensuing year.

We will call the attention of the people to Chap. 198 of the public statutes, which provides that "the school committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of

the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of any contagious disease, or during a period of two weeks after death or recovery of the sick person, and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present a certificate from the attending physician or Board of Health of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission."

In closing our report we wish to thank the citizens generally for their courteous compliance with requests we have made, thus aiding us in our endeavors to make this one of the healthiest towns in the Commonwealth.

Most Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. DOW, M. D.,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Secretary,*

Board of Health.

READING, January 1, 1901.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation	\$450 00
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EXPENDED.

Melvin & Badger, disinfectants	\$26 15	
H. B. Howard, rent	130 00	
Red Cross Chemical Co., disinfectants	3 00	
G. S. Tukey, salary inspector of plumbing	300 00	
G. S. Tukey, labor	23 00	
F. D. Merrill, stationery, stamps, etc.	7 54	
W. H. Willis, supplies	4 75	
Francis Bros., supplies	55	
C. H. Playdon, inspector of provisions and slaughter houses	37 50	
Cummings Ex., expressing	3 90	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	53 75	
L. J. Poor, printing	1 65	
W. J. Allen, labor	2 00	
Dennis Foley, labor	2 00	
S. W. Bowker, labor	2 50	
Overdrawn		148 29
	<hr/> \$598 29	<hr/> \$598 29

PLUMBING.

To the Honorable Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully submit my yearly report of duty performed from Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901.

There have been eighty-four permits granted, the work inspected and kept up to the standard of last year.

There has been one case of violation of the ordinance, namely: work performed by a landlord, not a plumber, and without a permit; also not as the ordinance requires. The case is now pending in the hands of your Board.

There have been two examinations for journeyman plumbers.

I wish to thank the Board for the kind assistance rendered.

I wish to thank the craft for the great interest and pride they have taken in their work, thereby assisting me to make our plumbing record second to none.

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY.

January 1, 1901.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:

I wish to herein submit my report for the year ending Jan. 1, 1901.

Whole number of Cattle inspected	437
“ “ “ Sheep “	10
“ “ “ Swine “	200
“ “ “ animals affected with contagious disease	12
Tuberculosis	7
Glanders and Farsey	5

In the early part of October the Mass. Board Cattle Commissioners ordered me to make a general inspection of all neat cattle, sheep and swine kept within the town limits for evidence of contagion in any form. I was also ordered to inspect the buildings where cattle were kept regarding ventilation, water supply, drainage, light, cleanliness, etc., etc., and in some cases ordered more care. Such inspection was made and results returned to M. C. C. in Nov., at which time all cattle showing evidence of contagious diseases were destroyed and rendered.

Previous to the order above a strict watch had been kept for evidence of disease of a contagious nature and several animals had been isolated until proof sufficient to warrant their release or destruction was obtained.

I have kept a careful lookout for diseased beef in the slaughterhouse, but found none of an unwholesome nature either there or in any of our markets.

Yours respectfully,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF READING.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting herewith my annual report of the work of the Police Department for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

Number of arrests during the year	43
Males	40
Females	3
Residents	25
Non-residents	18
Adults	39
Minors	4
Americans	31
Foreigners	12
White	42
Colored	1

The following will show the nature of the offences and the offenders brought to court.

Assault and battery	5
Assault, indecent	1
Abandoning child	1
Bastardy	1
Burning a building	1
Drunkenness	13
Drunkenness, habitual	1
Disturbing the peace	3
Embezzlement	1

Ealse weights, using	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Illegal liquor selling	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Illegal gaming	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Insane	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Liquor nuisance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Larceny	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Trespass	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Tramp	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

OCCUPATION OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

Barber	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Blacksmith	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Farmer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Fish dealer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Fisherman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
"Fakir"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Horse dealer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Junk dealer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Laborer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Motorman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Musician	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Painter	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Plasterer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Peddler	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Rubber worker	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Shoemaker	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Salesman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Servant	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Student	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Tailor	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Teamster	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Umbrella mender	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS.

United States	31
England	1
Ireland	3
Nova Scotia	4
Russia	1
Germany	1
Unknown	2
Arrested on Warrants	17
Arrested without Warrants	26

DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Appealed to Superior Court	5
Committed to Insane Hospital	6
Committed to State Board of Charities	1
Committed to House of Correction for non-payment of fine	1
Committed on sentence to House of Correction	5
Committed to Woman's Prison at Sherburne	1
Committed in default of bonds	2
Number of fines imposed	17
Number of fines paid	13
Sentenced to State Farm at Bridgewater	1
Placed on file	10
Turned over to out of town officers	2
Discharged, complainant refusing to testify	1
Fines earned and turned into Town Treasury	\$90 00
Aggregate amount of imprisonment 2 years, 18 days.	

ARRESTS BY MONTHS.

Jan'y	2
Feb.	0
March	3

In closing my report I will say that to the inexperienced in such matters our work may seem light, but I have compared it with the work of departments in cities and large towns, and find that we are proportionately doing more work than they are doing. The past year has been, in most cities and towns, an unusually quiet one. The appointment, last March, of J. H. Orr to the regular force was a much needed acquisition, and he has been of great service in the prevention of serious incidents.

Last April, at an expense of ten dollars, I installed at the Hose 2 house, a Watchman's clock, which has been, to me, a source of considerable satisfaction, and, I think, a benefit to the people of Ward 2. I shall recommend the placing of one or two more.

The telephone which was placed in the office last spring has been a great convenience, and I think has more than paid for itself.

I wish to thank you for the many words of encouragement and counsel given me in the past.

To the Judges and Clerks of the Court I extend thanks for courtesies, and also to the officers for valuable assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

Chief of Police.

Reading, January 1, 1901.

POLICE.

Appropriation	\$2,600 00
Amount received from Clerk of Court, fines	89 00
County Treasurer, commitments to Danvers Insane Hospital . . .	41 00
Town of Wilmington	3 90
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	2 75

EXPENDED.

F. D. Merrill, salary to Dec. 31st, 1900 . . .	\$780 00	
F. D. Merrill, car fare, court fees and mis- cellaneous expenses	10 55	
F. D. Merrill, use of team	25 00	
Henry Stock, salary to Dec. 31st, 1900 . . .	780 00	
J. H. Orr, salary to Dec. 31st, 1900 . . .	592 50	
A. E. Davis, special police	8 75	
F. S. Vermille, " "	7 13	
W. H. Manning, " "	6 50	
H. G. Stock, " "	4 25	
J. Zwicker, " "	6 50	
F. W. Davis, " "	7 76	
W. J. Allen, " "	15 62	
C. W. McDougal, special police	6 75	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,455 31</u>	<u>\$2,735 65</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>					\$2,455 31	\$2,735 65
A. T. Perkins,	"	"	.	.	5	13
Samuel Brown,	"	"	.	.	13	50
E. L. Lovejoy,	"	"	.	.	4	38
John Stock	"	"	.	.	9	00
Copeland & Bowser, blankets	.	.	.	.	4	05
Oak Hall Clothing Co., belt and buttons	.	.	.	.	3	75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rent of telephone	.	.	.	.	31	69
L. J. Poor, printing	.	.	.	.	70	
S. E. Spencer, badges	.	.	.	.	6	00
J. A. Murphy, watchman's clock	.	.	.	.	10	00
E. Wight, signs	.	.	.	.	1	00
Francis Bros., supplies	.	.	.	.	50	
W. C. Fleming, laundering	.	.	.	.	50	
H. R. Johnson, labor and material	.	.	.	.	10	30
W. F. Cook, labor and material	.	.	.	.	4	50
A. W. Danforth, telephoning	.	.	.	.	2	65
S. W. Bowker, hack hire	.	.	.	.	14	00
A. B. Matthews, " "	.	.	.	.	10	00
Borthwick Bros., " "	.	.	.	.	5	00
J. H. Orr, ever ready light	.	.	.	.	80	
H. M. Meek Pub. Co., directory	.	.	.	.	2	00
O. W. Austin, meals for prisoners	.	.	.	.	7	50
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	.	.	.	.	75	
J. G. Maguire, legal services	.	.	.	.	20	00
Unexpended	.	.	.	.	317	64
					<hr/>	<hr/>
					\$2,736 65	\$2,736 65

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of estates, real and personal, assessed in the town of Reading, May 1, 1900.

Value of real estate	\$3,855,671 00
Value of personal estate, not including	
resident National Bank stock . \$521,903 00	\$521,903 00
Resident National Bank stock . . . 35,000 00	35,000 00
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Total value of personal estate . .	556,903 00
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Total value of real and personal	
estate	\$4,412,574 00
Increase in value of real estate 1900 . \$141,736 00	\$141,736 00
Decrease in value of real and personal	
estate	152,897 00
Value of buildings excluding land . .	\$2,379,935 00
Value of land excluding buildings . .	1,475,736 00
Total tax assessed on polls and property	
May 1, 1900	84,604 31
Total tax assessed on polls since May	
1, 1900	12 00
Non-resident National Bank tax . . .	277 50
Street railway excise tax	1,158 79
Supplementary tax Dec. 16, 1900 . .	30 66
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Total taxes assessed in 1900 . . .	\$86,083 26

Rate of taxation \$18.50 per thousand.

Total number of persons assessed on property May 1, 1900		1,547
Total number of persons assessed for poll tax only		661
Number of polls May 1, 1900 . .	1486	
Added since	6	
Total		1492
Increase in 1900		23
Number of horses, May 1, 1900 . .		447
“ “ cows, May 1, 1900		352
“ “ sheep, May 1, 1900		3
“ “ neat cattle, May 1, 1900 . .		48
“ “ swine, May 1, 1900		33
“ “ dwelling houses, May 1, '00		1192
Increase in dwelling houses, 1900 .		23
Acres of land		5734

EDWARD F. PARKER,
J. H. ADDEN,
W. WALLACE DAVIS,

Jan. 25, 1901.

Assessors.

In the petition of James Dewhurst against the inhabitants of the Town of Reading brought in the Supreme Judicial Court for the purpose of quieting the title to certain real estate on the westerly side of West street, formerly belonging to Henry W. Goodwin, Judge Hammond has refused to pass upon the construction of Henry W. Goodwin's will and ordered Town of Reading to bring a writ of entry against James Dewhurst within six months to try the title.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,
Selectmen of Reading.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

HARLEY PRENTISS, *Collector*

TO TOWN OF READING

DR.

To uncollected taxes	1898	.	.	\$8,925	17
" auditional assessments	"	.	.	334	03
" interest collected	.	.	.	773	94
					\$10,033 14

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By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer	\$8,729	77
By uncollected taxes 1898	1,303	37
		\$10,033 14

HARLEY PRENTISS,

Collector.

READING, Jan. 19, 1901.

H. M. VIALI, *Collector,*

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING

DR.

To uncollected taxes for	1899	.	.	\$26,637	59
" committed list	"	"	1900	84,881	81
					\$111,519 40

Amount carried forward

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$111,519 40
" excise tax Street Railway 1900 . .	1,221 75
" additional taxes " . .	10 00
" supplementary taxes Dec. 17th, 1900 .	30 66
" interest collected 1899 . . .	489 32
" " " 1900 . . .	89 77

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By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treasurer, ac- count taxes 1899	\$16,075 00
By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treasurer, Ex- cise Tax 1900	1,221 75
By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treasurer, ac- count taxes 1900	55,528 25
By uncollected taxes for 1899	11,051 91
" " " " 1900	29,483 99

\$113,360 90 \$113,360 90

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

We respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900:

ALMSHOUSE.

Total number of inmates during the year	. . . . .	12
Died during the year	. . . . .	1
Number discharged	. . . . .	6
Number at present time	. . . . .	5

Our work during the year has not been less arduous than in previous years. With an increase in the number of inmates at the Almshouse, and no lessening of the calls for outside aid, there has been enough to keep the Board busy, but with all the calls made upon us, we have been able to show a decrease in the expenses of this department of over three hundred dollars compared with the expenses of 1899; one hundred dollars of this decrease was made in the Almshouse portion. On Aug. 2d the carriage house, sheds and other buildings connected with the ell of the Almshouse were totally destroyed by fire, for which we received \$961 from the Insurance Company. With this sum and eleven dollars additional we were enabled to replace the buildings burned, paint the main house and ell two coats, make needed repairs, and reinsure the

property, so that at the present time the Almshouse is in better condition and better adapted for its wants than ever before.

In accordance with your instructions at the last annual meeting we called for sealed proposals for the services of a Town Physician for the municipal year. Bids were received from every physician in town, but as each bid named the same rate, \$400 per year, we deemed it for the best interests of all concerned to make no change from the present method of carrying on this part of our work, and have endeavored to divide the patronage among the several resident physicians. We invite your attention to the financial statements of this Department on the following pages.

WM. I. RUGGLES,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,

Overseers of the Poor.

ALMSHOUSE.

John O. Dane	Aged 80 years
James Hunter	" 57 "
Wm. S. Pease, admitted Jan. 20, 1900; discharged April 30, 1900; admitted May 20, 1900; discharged Aug. 2, 1900; admitted Oct. 20, 1900	" 70 "
Henry W. Weston	" 52 "
Susan S. Williams, died April 14, 1900	" 72 "
Margaret Sullivan, admitted Jan. 10, 1900; discharged March 2, 1900; admitted Dec. 8, 1900	" 66 "
Josephine M. Devine, admitted June 12; discharged July 9	" 40 "
Rosella Devine, admitted June 12; discharged July 9	" 10 "
Grace Devine, admitted June 12; discharged July 9	" 8 "
Theresa Devine, admitted June 12; discharged July 9	" 5 "
Josephine Devine, admitted May 29; discharged Aug. 4	" 23 "

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE

JAN. 1, 1901.

Live stock	\$570 25
Hay and grain	309 00
Wagons and sleighs	186 00
Fuel	94 25
2 Snowplows	20 00
1 Oil tank and pump	4 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,184 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,184 00
Manure	52 25
Barrels and boxes	22 90
Harnesses and blankets	84 00
Farming tools and implements	191 15
Household furniture and utensils	466 68
Provisions and supplies	204 77
	<hr/> \$2,205 75

ALMSHOUSE.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from sale of milk	\$497 03
Amount received from sale of eggs	27 03
Amount received from sale of poultry	45 38
Amount received from sale of calves	8 50
Amount received from sale of pigs	34 64
Amount received from sale of corn	25 83
Amount received from sale of apples	8 40
Amount received from sale of wood	2 75
Amount received from old material	4 72
Amount received from old mowing machine	8 00
Amount received from gravel	11 26
Amount received from vinegar	40
Amount received from manure	1 00
Amount received from extra labor	53 72
Amount received from police duty	10 80
Amount received from spraying trees	30 99
Amount received from removing snow	2 93
Amount received from distributing town reports 1899	10 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$783 38

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$783 38
Amount received from refund on bill	1 24
Amount received from W.F. Burnham, board	112 50

EXPENDED.

J. F. Burnham, salary	\$499 92
J. F. Burnham, sundries	50 61
Annie Burque, wages	70 31
Jane Burbine, wages	86 60
O. P. Symonds & Sons, stock and labor	9 17
E. L. Lovejoy, dry goods, etc.	22 89
F. G. McDonald, dry goods, etc.	17 41
Copeland & Bowser, dry goods, etc.	2 39
Francis Bartley, clothing	13 60
W. H. Willis, medicines	4 30
J. F. Trask, fish	27 81
L. Foster, fish	4 70
F. Nickerson, fish	2 76
C. F. Nichols, fish	3 37
G. H. Atkinson, grain and groceries	364 40
F. Wallace, grain and groceries	185 29
W. H. Mears, grain and groceries	84 13
Reading Cooperative Ass'n, groceries	216 09
R. L. Smith, meat and provisions	71 15
Berry & Rich, meat and provisions	30 59
E. L. Chamberlain, meat and provisions	11 95
Wm. Taylor, meat and provisions	35 77
J. H. Knights, meat and provisions	30 17
A. S. Tuttle, meat and provisions	44 42
W. H. Nichols, Agent, meat and provisions	3 13
C. L. Martin, fuel	93 25

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,986 18	\$897 12
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,986 18	\$897 12
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber, hardware, etc.	22 72	
C. S. Lombard, wood	2 50	
C. H. Swain, wood	18 75	
E. E. Nichols, ice	19 00	
Francis Bros., furniture, hardware, etc. .	38 45	
N. Bancroft, shoes	7 75	
W. A. Hunter, repairing shoes	75	
H. P. Flint, repairing shoes	1 00	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing	8 25	
B. F. Flanders, washing machines . .	20 80	
A. F. Upton, mowing machine	37 00	
W. F. Cook, labor and stock	5 90	
E. C. Metcalf, crockery, etc.	13 84	
S. R. Parker, butter	8 70	
H. E. Nichols, milk	5 40	
H. W. Plummer, extracts, etc.	1 15	
Reading Water Works, water rentals .	30 32	
Cummings Express, expressing	85	
E. D. Richmond, medical services . . .	24 00	
Geo. F. Dow, medical services	3 00	
H. A. Upton, dressing hogs	3 00	
F. W. Davis, dressing hogs	4 50	
C. H. Playdon, professional services . .	2 50	
Borthwick Bros., carriage hire	1 00	
A. L. Hibbert, grafting trees	5 20	
J. Breck & Sons Corp., farm tools and seeds	17 64	
Merrick & Adams, nursery stock	21 45	
Martha E. Babb, nursing	6 50	
J. Zwicker, opening grave	2 00	
Herbert Stock, labor	35 35	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,355 45	\$897 12

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,355 25	\$897 12
Edgerly & Bessom, burial of Morris Fitzgerald	19 00	
E. T. Earle, grinding apples	15 35	
W. C. Taylor, repairing harness	3 10	
R. C. Totten, repairing tools	1 00	
O. O. Ordway, repairing wagon	1 05	
C. A. Frost, cabbage	2 00	
F. Parker Shoe Co., shoes	6 12	
Estate of O. N. Jones, grass	26 00	
J. H. Adden, grass	5 00	
J. D. Canty, grass	71 00	
B. Y. Smith, grass	10 00	
Carried to poor account		\$1,617 95
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	\$2,515 07	\$2,515 07

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

EXPENDED.

Langdon S. Blanchard, board	2 00
Wm. H. Burnham and family, supplies and medicine	157 20
Geo. H. Daland and family, supplies	16 87
John H. Daland and family, supplies	112 56
W. T. Eames and family, rent and supplies	208 00
May Josephine Freeman and family, rent and supplies	279 04
Elizabeth Campbell, supplies	3 25
Charles L. Haag, supplies	63 30
Frank L. Johnson and family, supplies	5 50
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$847 72

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$847 72
Sarah A. Jones, supplies	53 00
Everett C. Parker and family, rent and supplies	120 24
Miscellaneous expenses	24 92
Elizabeth H. Porter, supplies	4 60
George A. Robinson, fuel	3 50
Margaret Sullivan, supplies	10 50
Elmira Weston, supplies	69 75
Reuben White and family, supplies	5 50
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	\$1,139 73

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

EXPENDED.

Danvers Insane Hospital.	
Josephine Devine, board	\$ 69 64
Ernest Hezelton, "	169 46
Mary P. Foley, "	169 45
Sumner McAllister, "	169 46
Olive P. Roundy, "	169 46
Worcester Insane Hospital.	
Henry S. Buck, board	169 46
Taunton Insane Hospital.	
Alice S. Isbell, board	169 46
Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded.	
Harry L. Fielding	169 45
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	\$1,255 84

TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Frederick Wallace, crackers, coffee and sugar	\$10 00
Reading Co-op. Asso., crackers	1 00
Francis Bros., coffee pot	50
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	\$11 50

Carried to poor account	\$11 50
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$98 40
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EXPENDED.

Annie B. Malonson, fuel	\$3 50	
Jeremiah Muse and family, supplies and fuel	2 75	
Joshua White and family, supplies and fuel	15 50	
Thos. H. Devine and family, supplies and fuel	74 10	
Simon Froton and family, fuel	2 55	
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	\$98 40	\$98 40

A portion only of the amount due account of White and Devine will be refunded by the Commonwealth.

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF MALDEN.

Amount due from City of Malden	\$79 55
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EXPENDED.

Mrs. E. C. Miller and family, fuel and supplies	79 55	
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	\$79 55	\$79 55

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF FALL RIVER.

Amount received from City of Fall River	\$19 15
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EXPENDED.

Michael Mulloy, nursing, car fare, etc.	\$19 15	
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	\$19 15	\$19 15

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF MELROSE.

Amount due from City of Melrose . . .	7 15
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EXPENDED.

Peter Ainsworth and family . . .	\$7 15	
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	\$7 15	\$7 15

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WALTHAM.

Amount due from city of Waltham . . .	\$106 00
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EXPENDED.

Mrs. F. A. Carey and family, supplies . . .	\$106 00	
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	\$106 00	\$106 00

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT.

Amount due from town of Swampscott . . .	\$15 82
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EXPENDED.

Charles P. Snow and family, fuel and supplies	\$15 82	
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	\$15 82	\$15 82

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

Amount received from Town of Wakefield.	\$56 35
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EXPENDED.

Mrs. Charles Holmes, nursing, medicine, and medical attendance	\$56 35	
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	\$56 35	\$56 35

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF NORTH READING.

Amount received from Town of North Reading	\$66 95
Amount due from Town of North Reading	2 25

EXPENDED.

Charles S. McIntire and family, fuel and supplies	\$34 25	
Charles W. Flint, nursing	2 25	
Jeremiah J. Sullivan and family, fuel and supplies	32 70	
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	\$69 20	\$69 20

ALMSHOUSE ADDITION AND REPAIRS

ACCOUNT OF FIRE AUG. 2d, 1900.

Amount received from Insurance Co.	\$961 00
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EXPENDED.

Geo. E. Gill, Frank K. Black and Mark Leighton adjusters	22 50	
Geo. E. Gill, labor and material rebuilding .	820 40	
W. F. Cook, painting main building two coats	89 00	
W. F. Cook, extra labor and material .	25 80	
W. H. Wightman, insurance premium .	15 00	
Overdrawn,		11 70
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	\$972 70	\$972 70

SUMMARY.

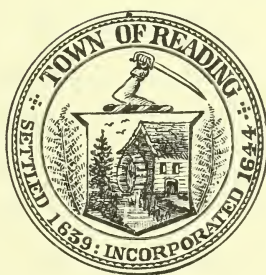
Appropriation		\$4,000 00	
EXPENDED.			
Net expenses Almshouse	\$1,617 95		
Poor out of Almshouse	1,139 73		
Hospital account	1,255 84		
Tramp account	11 50		
Overdrawn		25 02	
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	\$4,025 02	\$4,025 02	



TOWN OF READING.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

...OF THE...



Water Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31, 1900.

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Commissioners.

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	Term expires 1901
CALVIN L. MARTIN	. . . .	" " 1902
EDWARD B. DRAKE	. . . .	" " 1903

Superintendent and Registrar.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT.

Engineer at Pumping Station.

FRANK F. STROUT.

Assistant Engineer.

ERNEST JOHNSON.

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD.

Room 2, Masonic Block.

OFFICE HOURS.

Daily, 8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M.,

Monday and Saturday, 7.30 to 9 P. M.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The eleventh annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners is respectfully submitted.

The vote of the Town November 7th, 1899, instructing the Board to extend the main along Franklin, Haverhill and Wakefield Streets, has been carried out.

The Lime House is practically complete and is in successful operation.

The standpipe and pumps should be painted this year. The recommendation of the Board relative to appropriations for maintenance for the current year includes the cost of the painting mentioned.

MAINTENANCE.

Received rent of office		\$60 48
Fines and summons		7 40
Paid L. M. Bancroft, salary	\$1,200 00	
S. S. Bell, manager electric lights . .	26 42	
Engineering Record	5 00	
Reading Masonic Temple Corporation, rent	120 96	
Car fares, etc.	14 37	
Harley Prentiss, stamped envelopes and post office box bill	29 52	
E. H. Forbes, horse	3 00	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co. . .	37 20	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . .	36 75	
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., rent of safe	10 00	
C. L. Martin, coal	3 50	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,486 72	<hr/> \$67 88

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,486 72	\$67 88
Francis Bros., supplies	6 99	
The Bristol Co., charts	1 67	
John Muse, labor	12 25	
American Express Co.	45	
Fire and Water	3 00	
R. A. White, horse	7 00	
George D. Putnam, labor	52 50	
Charles McIntire	1 50	
Lydia A. Holden	156 00	
S. M. Spencer, rubber stamp . .	1 00	
H. M. Meek, directory	2 00	
Blank books, ink, pens, etc. . .	5 40	
Balance		1,668 60
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	\$1,736 48	\$1,736 48

PUMPING STATION—MAINTENANCE.

Received for rent of house		\$180 00
Barrels, lime, etc., sold		10 10
Paid S. S. Bell, Manager Electric Light .	20 28	
Lamprey Boiler Mouth Protector Co.	43 83	
F. A. Warren, repairing brick work .	14 56	
C. A. Claflin & Co., packing and waste	33 47	
E. Hodge & Co., grate bars	83 42	
W. Bancroft & Co., coal	565 27	
N. E. Telegraph & Telephone Co. . .	56 75	
Dodge M'fg. Co., belt clamp	4 00	
American Ex. Co.	2 15	
C. M. Kimball, polish	3 00	
Francis Bros.	12 46	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$839 19	\$190 10

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$839 19	\$190 10
Paid H. M. Viall, express	3 60	
B. & M. R. R., freight	6 55	
Horton Mfg. Co., machine work . .	45	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . . .	20 50	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil, waste, and packing	61 93	
G. H. Atkinson	5 64	
Swett & Lewis Co., batteries . . .	10 91	
J. E. Fairbank, removing ashes . .	5 00	
C. L. Martin, coal and coke	627 38	
Jenkins Bros., valve discs	14 89	
L. M. Bancroft, insurance	97 13	
Helios Upton Co., repairing thermom- eter	90	
Town of North Reading, taxes . . .	1 45	
D. C. Temple, trees	3 00	
A. W. Harris Oil Co., oil	9 30	
O. O. Ordway, repairing fire tools . .	1 20	
E. C. Metcalf, duster and mop . . .	1 85	
Coffin Valve Co., floor plates . . .	35 23	
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., valves . . .	4 40	
F. J. Dibble, repairing guage	9 25	
R. A. White, teaming lime and alum	42 00	
A. B. Day, painting	3 75	
F. F. Strout, Engineer	1,180 40	
George D. Putnam, labor	14 50	
John Nilsson, labor	2 33	
W. J. Bessey, labor	17 83	
Ernest Johnson, Assistant Engineer .	32 00	
Charles McIntire	3 75	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,056 31	\$190 10

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,056 31	\$190 10
E. H. Forbes, horse	7 50	
Balance		\$2,873 71
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	\$3,063 81	\$3,063 81

FILTER MAINTENANCE.

Paid Ernest Johnson, labor	\$696 00
S. B. Eames	48 00
W. B. Fonda, lime	97 50
Foster & Brown, agitator arms	21 00
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	75
B. & M. R. R., freight	31 00
Merrimac Chemical Co., alum	264 00
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	\$1,158 25

METER MAINTENANCE.

Received for repairs		\$2 45
Paid Geo. D. Putnam, labor	39 00	
E. H. Forbes, horse	1 00	
H. M. Viall, express	1 35	
Hersey Mfg. Co.	46 76	
Thompson Meter Co.	19 60	
Union Meter Co.	7 20	
National Meter Co.	64 30	
American Express Co.	55	
Balance		177 31
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	\$179 76	\$179 76

SERVICE PIPE MAINTENANCE.

Received for repairs		\$5 80
Paid George D. Putnam, labor	6 75	
John Nilsson	1 50	
Charles McIntire	75	
E. H. Forbes, horse	50	
R. B. Nichols	33	
Balance		4 03
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	\$9 83	\$9 83

PIPE LINE MAINTENANCE.

Paid George D. Putnam, labor	\$5 25
Charles McIntire	75
E. H. Forbes, horse	2 00
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	\$8 00

SUCTION LEAK.

Paid John Nilsson, labor	\$24 76
Charles McIntire	23 26
George D. Putnam	24 75
Howard Batchelder	9 00
Alfred Muse	7 12
Frank Webb	7 12
J. H. Eames	1 50
Octavus Dane	1 88
J. W. Killam	10 66
Charles H. Stinchfield	6 00
S. B. Eames	25 00
Ernest Johnson	2 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$143 05

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$143 05
E. H. Forbes, horse	21 75
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber . .	26 26
Builders Iron Foundry, pipe . .	24 59
Moore & Co., labor	44 53
W. Bancroft & Co., engineer for steamer	9 38
S. W. Bowker, horses for steamer .	6 00
B. & M. R. R., freight	80
O. O. Ordway, iron work	2 50
Perrin, Seamans & Co., iron . .	5 50
F. Bartley, rubber boots	13 50
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	\$297 86

INTEREST.

Received interest on deposit in bank .	\$57 25	
“ “ “ bonds sold	16 44	
“ hydrant rent	3,930 00	
“ appropriation for interest .	2,470 00	
“ “ drinking foun- tains	300 00	
Received from receipts for water .	1,926 31	
Paid Interest on bonds	8,700 00	
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	\$8,700 00	\$8,700 00

PIPE LINE.

Received from Lawrence & Reading Railway		\$33 82
Paid George D. Putnam, labor	\$19 12	
J. F. Ames	2 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	21 12	\$33 82

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$21 12	\$33 82
John Nilsson	1 20	
Charles McIntire	1 12	
E. H. Forbes, horse	5 50	
Telegrams	1 98	
B. & M. R. R., freight	23 18	
H. M. Viall, express	65	
George Lampro, labor and gravel	11 88	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	41 75	
Bingham & Taylor, gate boxes	39 04	
Moore & Co.	4,462 76	
Builders Iron Foundry, specials	87 80	
Warren Foundry & Machine Co., pipe	6,766 71	
Walworth Mfg. Co., gate boxes	2 62	
S. W. Bowker, teaming	85	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	2 32	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., packing	11 52	
Horton Mfg. Co., machine work	1 58	
Balance		11,450 30
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	\$11,483 58	\$11,483 58

SERVICE PIPES.

Received for pipes laid		\$837 04
Paid John Nilsson, labor	\$26 33	
Alfred Muse	51 46	
Charles McIntire	45 50	
Angelo Zanne	1 50	
Alexander LaFave	7 50	
George D. Putnam	227 05	
Martin Holloren	75 25	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$434 59	\$837 04

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$434 59	\$837 04
Charles Heaton	76 75	
Frank Webb	103 77	
E. H. Forbes, horse	109 25	
Fife Bros., Carter & Co., fittings	7 33	
American Express Co.	2 55	
Exeter Brass Works, corporation cocks	98 00	
H. M. Viall, express	6 75	
Horton Mfg. Co., machine work	1 69	
J. H. Johnson, repairing harness	1 75	
Chadwick Lead Works, lead pipe	45 71	
B. & M. R. R., freight	9 36	
Walworth M'fg. Co., fittings	70 67	
American Powder Mills, exploders	1 50	
G. H. Atkinson, oil, etc.	3 75	
Dennis Riley, labor	3 00	
Francis Bros., tools and fittings	10 40	
Perrin, Seamans & Co., shovels	5 20	
Bingham & Taylor, service boxes	32 94	
Car fares	6 10	
Moore & Co., labor	28 62	
W. Bancroft & Co., coal	3 49	
H. K. Austin, s & w cocks	12 60	
Globe Gas Light Co., posts	30 00	
Coates & Robinson, repairing harness	90	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	35	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., s and w cocks	41 40	
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., valves	47 28	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe	155 98	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools	22 01	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,373 69	\$837 04

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,373 69	\$37 04
The Sumner & Goodwin Co., pipe and fittings	70 10	
R. A. White, horse	1 50	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe	266 02	
George F. King & Co., record book	9 00	
Balance		883 27
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	\$1,720 31	\$1,720 31

METERS.

Paid George D. Putnam, labor	\$39 75
Charles McIntire	3 00
E. H. Forbes, horse	3 50
W. H. Vinton, washers	1 25
American Express Co.	30
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	32 50
B. & M. R. R., freight	30
H. M. Viall, express	1 60
Hersey Mfg Co.	1 50
Reading Planing Mill, milling	25
Francis Bros., fittings	57
Coffin Valve Co., box covers	19 20
National Meter Co., meters	305 00
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	\$408 72

LIME HOUSE.

Paid Samuel B. Eames, labor	\$41 25
George D. Putnam "	7 50
E. H. Forbes, horse	5 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$53 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$53 75
S. S. Bell, manager, electric lights . . .	11 95
F. A. Warren, brick work . . .	4 85
Sweatt & Gould, foundation stone . . .	15 00
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber . . .	11 64
Boston Bolt Co., bolts . . .	10 09
Byers & Smith, shafting, &c. . .	104 00
Fife Bros., Carter & Co., fittings . . .	2 93
American Express Co. . . .	2 45
Dodge Mfg. Co., belting . . .	8 58
Francis Bros.	6 35
H. M. Viall, express . . .	1 35
Horton Mfg. Co., machine work . . .	21 63
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . . .	5 48
Dodge, Haley & Co., iron . . .	90
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., belting . . .	32 73
Moses E. Nichols, painting . . .	1 13
Car fares	1 20
Holmes & Blanchard, machine . . .	32 80
O. O. Ordway, iron work . . .	1 40
Perrin, Seamans & Co., iron . . .	45
L. M. Ham & Co., iron work . . .	14 00
S. D. Hicks & Son, floats . . .	2 50
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	\$347 16

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Cash balance from 1899	\$1,233 18
Bonds sold	10,000 00
Premium on bonds	1,439 00
Accrued interest on bonds sold . . .	16 44
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Amount carried forward \$12,688 62

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$12,688 62
Interest on deposits	57 25
Appropriation for interest	2,470 00
Hydrant rent	3,930 00
Drinking fountains	300 00
Office rent	60 48
House rent	180 00
Service pipe repairs	5 80
Meter repairs	2 45
Fines and summons	7 40
Meter rates	8,580 27
Service pipes	837 04
Pipe line	33 28
Barrels lime, etc. sold	10 10
Interest	\$8,700 00
General Maintenance	1,736 48
Pumping Station Maintenance	3,063 81
Filter Maintenance	1,158 25
Meter Maintenance	179 76
Service Pipe Maintenance	9 83
Main Pipe Maintenance	8 00
Suction Leak	297 86
Main Pipe	11,483 58
Meters	408 72
Lime house	347 16
Service Pipes	1,720 31
Cash on hand	48 93
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	\$29,162 69 \$29,162 69

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT.

Reported last year	\$252,372 73
Main pipe	11,450 30
Service pipe	883 27
Meters	408 72
Lime House	347 16

\$265,462 18

For interest requirements for the current year, amounting to \$8,820, the Board recommends that the town raise and appropriate \$4,200 for hydrant rental; \$300 for water for drinking fountains, \$300 for water for street sprinkling; \$1,000 additional and appropriate from receipts for water, \$3020.

INTEREST STATEMENT.

Interest one year on \$212,000	\$8,480 00
“ six months on \$7,000	140 00
“ one year on \$5,000	200 00

For maintenance for the current year the Board recommends that \$6,000 be appropriated from receipts for water.

The item of interest on \$5,000 is contingent upon the Town's voting the issue of bonds which has been petitioned for by the Board as instructed.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
CALVIN L. MARTIN,
EDWARD B. DRAKE.

REPORT OF REGISTRAR.

Amount of water bills rendered . . .	\$9,079 15	
“ abated	136 35	
Earnings of department . . .	\$8,942 80	
Amount collected		\$8,452 79
Uncollected		490 01
		\$8,942 80
Amount of 1899 bills uncollected . . .	\$192 28	
Abated bill recharged	3 00	
	\$195 28	
Amount collected		\$127 48
Abated		39 42
Uncollected		28 38
		\$195 28
Service pipe bills rendered 1900 . . .	\$699 03	
“ “ “ collected		494 35
Uncollected		204 68
		\$699 03
Uncollected 1899 service pipe bills . . .	\$385 48	
Collected		342 69
Uncollected		42 79
		\$385 48

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
Registrar.

READING, Jan. 1, 1901.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the usual custom I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1900.

The extension of mains has been 6425.5 feet of eight inch and 5688.5 feet of six inch pipe, as follows: Franklin street 2474.5 feet of eight inch, Haverhill street 3951 feet of eight inch and 2092 feet of six inch, Wakefield street 3596.5 feet of six inch, Main street 258 feet of six inch. Nine hydrants and fourteen gates, have been set in the above named streets.

There were forty-one services put in during the year and two discontinued, making a total of one thousand and fifty seven.

Forty-nine service boxes have been lowered and two repaired. There has been but one leak in service pipes.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use.

	6 inch Cast Iron.	1½ inch Galvanized.	1¼ inch Enamelled.	1¼ inch Galvanized.	1 inch Galvanized.	1 inch Lead Lined.	¾ inch Lead Lined.	1 inch Cement Lined.	¾ inch Cement Lined.	2 inch Galvanized.	¾ inch Galvanized.
Owned by the town.		18	33-7	10478-4	169-7	870-8	16985-3	367-1	10179-5	1662-2	1294
Owned by individuals.	354	19	122-10	289	54-6	50	18098-6	78	12663-2	303-6	547
Total.	354	37	156-5	10767-4	224-1	920-8	35083-8	445-1	22842-7	1965-8	1841

There are 962 meters in use of the following kinds and sizes.

No.	NAME.	SIZES.				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	½ in.
77	Crown.....				1	76
35	Lambert.....			2		33
477	Nash.....		3	3		471
201	Empire.....	1				200
4	Genl.....	4				
12	Thompson.....	1		1		10
3	Worthington.....	1				2
111	Hersey Disc.....		2	2		107
1	Neptune.....					1
11	Union Rotary.....	3	1	2		5
29	Columbia.....					29
1	Niagara.....	1				
962		11	6	10	1	934

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

FROM JAN. 1, 1900, TO JAN. 1, 1901.

MONTH.	No. Days.	No. Hours.	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped.	Total Head.	Pounds Coal.	Rain Fall.
January	31	135		4,307,215	219	33,743	5.32
February	28	115		3,608,362		31,227	8.69
March	31	135	15	4,036,697		33,285	5.03
April	30	130	30	3,834,507		30,978	2.15
May	31	129	15	4,245,742		31,571	4.60
June	30	172	45	5,396,300		42,640	3.13
July	31	216		7,160,954		48,861	1.90
August	31	161	15	5,307,889		40,086	3.17
September	30	150	15	4,583,835		36,834	4.15
October	31	130	30	3,898,618		32,598	3.31
November	30	126	45	3,809,961		33,533	5.05
December	31	130		4,060,385		40,204	2.44
	365	1732	30	54,250,462	219	435,560	48.94

The pumping station buildings are in good repair. The pumping machinery, engineer's house and the standpipe all need painting. The grounds at the standpipe have been graded and are much improved in appearance.

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow in inches for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

Day of Month.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Day of Month.
1			1.97		.08					.01			1
2													2
3										.01			3
4				.52	2.10	.71	.05			.02			4
5		1.12										1.85	5
6							.09						6
7			.64				.12			.04			7
8					.06		.45				.24		8
9		.93			.30	.12					.93	.02	9
10										1.70	.20		10
11							.08		.01				11
12	1.47					.07	.10			.67	.05		12
13			.56				.38	.04			.01		13
14		2.19	.01				.26			.36			14
15						.20				.04			15
16	.25		2.06					1.68	1.42				16
17					.08			.02					17
18		.55		.30	.01		.07	.01	1.90		.02		18
19	.05			.52							.17		19
20			.10		1.65						.11		20
21	.70				.12				.07		.01		21
22					.14		.01		.55		.07		22
23		2.57		.20		1.96					.02		23
24				.04						.13		.26	24
25	.56	1.33											25
26							1.30			.13	2.51		26
27			.26							.01	.06		27
28							.07	.04			.04		28
29	1.52				.06	.07	.33		.18			.07	29
30							.01	.16	.01	.61			30
31												.24	31
	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM FILTER GALLERY OF READING WATER WORKS. (Parts in 100,000.)

No.	DATE OF		APPEARANCE.			ODOR.		AMMONIA.		Chlorine.	NITROGEN as		Oxygen consumed.	Hardness.	Iron.		
	Collection.	Examination.	Turbidity.	Sediment.	Color.	Cold.	Hot.	Evaporation.			Free.	Albu- mi- noid.					
	1900	1900															
29884	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Filt.	.39	None	None	.0110	.0064	.54	.0040	.0001	.33	3.3	3900	Unfiltered
29895	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	None	None	.05	None	None	None	.0058	.0060	.50	.0060	.0020	.20	7.9	.0020	Filtered
30220	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.29	None	None	Faintly veg.	.0114	.0088	.46	.0050	.0001	.33	3.3	.2300	Unfiltered
30221	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	None	None	.08	None	None	None	.0050	.0058	.47	.0080	.0012	.20	7.4	.0060	Filtered
30446	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Filt.	.44	None	None	.0096	.0104	.42	.0030	.0000	.37	3.4	.3700	Unfiltered
30447	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	None	None	.09	None	None	None	.0052	.0058	.47	.0060	.0011	.19	7.9	.0020	Filtered
30439	Apr. 9	Apr. 9	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid	.06	None	None	.0078	.0086	.42	.0040	.0000	.40	2.5	.1760	Unfiltered
30938	Apr. 9	Apr. 9	None	None	.06	None	None	None	.0048	.0056	.41	.0060	.0006	.19	6.7	.0020	Filtered
31170	May 7	May 8	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.17	None	F'nly earthy	.0082	.0116	.38	.0030	.0000	.54	2.7	.1600	Unfiltered	
31171	May 7	May 8	Very slight	None	.34	None	None	None	.0104	.0164	.43	.0030	.0001	.79	7.9	.0180	Filtered
31526	June 11	June 12	Decided	Cons. iron	Turbid	.80	None	ly earthy	.0082	.0122	.45	.0030	.0009	.45	9.0	.0130	Unfiltered
31963	July 9	July 10	Very slight	Cons. iron	.71	None	None	Distinctly earthy	.0094	.0106	.39	.0060	.0000	.54	2.1	.1050	Filtered
31964	July 9	July 10	Very slight	Cons. iron	.24	None	None	None	.0094	.0080	.42	.0020	.0014	.35	8.6	.0080	Unfiltered
32447	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	Decided	Cons.	.60	None	None	None	.0090	.0064	.50	.0040	.0000	.36	1.8	.1700	Unfiltered
32448	Aug. 10	Aug. 10	Very slight	Cons.	.20	None	None	None	.0050	.0046	.52	.0020	.0000	.27	7.1	.0190	Filtered
32871	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Decided	Cons.	.11	None	None	None	.0104	.0076	.47	.0020	.0000	.31	2.0	.2200	Unfiltered
32872	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	None	None	.05	None	None	None	.0050	.0056	.50	.0020	.0024	.19	5.7	.0020	Filtered
33219	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Decided	Cons. iron	.82	None	None	None	.0104	.0082	.52	.0020	.0000	.38	2.2	.3800	Unfiltered
33220	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	None	None	.10	None	None	None	.0104	.0064	.52	.0020	.0018	.20	7.0	.0050	Filtered
33618	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Decided	Cons. iron	Turbid	.16	None	F'nly earthy	.0108	.0108	.49	.0010	.0000	.45	3.4	.3200	Unfiltered
33619	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	None	None	.16	None	None	None	.0040	.0096	.50	.0020	.0016	.26	8.6	.0170	Unfiltered
33693	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Decided	Heavy flocc in	.10	None	None	None	.0162	.0122	.44	.0120	.0001	.39	5.7	.3300	Unfiltered
33694	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	None	None	.10	None	None	None	.0070	.0090	.48	.0130	.0014	.25	10.5	.0040	Filtered

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

REPORT OF 1900.

READING WATER WORKS, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

Population by census of 1900, 4969; date of construction, 1890¹ and 1891; by whom owned, Town of Reading; source of supply, filter gallery; mode of supply, pumping to stand pipe.

PUMPING.

- 1 Builders of pumping machinery, Geo. F. Blake M'fg. Co.
- 2 Description of coal:
Coke and bituminous: *d* brand Georges Creek, Cumberland; *e* price per gross ton delivered, \$4.60 and \$5.40.
- 3 Coal consumed for the year in pounds, 435,560.
- 4 $\frac{\text{Pounds of wood consumed}}{3}$ equals coal in pounds.
- 5 Total fuel consumed for year in pounds, 435,560.
- 6 Total pumpage for year in gallons, 54,250.465.
- 7 Average static head against which pumps work, 219.
- 8 Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240.
- 9 Number of gallons pumped per pound of coal, 124.55.
- 10 Duty $\frac{\text{Gallons pumped (6) } \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs.) } \times 100 \times \text{dynamite head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$ equals.
Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz., \$2,873.71.
- 11 Per millions raised against dynamic head into stand pipe, \$52.99.
- 12 Per million gallons raised one foot high (dynamic), .2207.
Cost of pumping, figured on total maintenance, viz., \$15,153.99.
- 13 Per million gallons raised against dynamic head into stand pipe, \$278.49.
- 14 Per million gallons raised one foot high (dynamic), \$1.16.

FINANCIAL.

Receipts.		MAINTENANCE.		Expenditures.	
FROM CONSUMERS.					
A.	Water rates, domestic,	\$8,463 64		AA. Management and repairs,	\$6,423 99
B.	Water rates, manufacturing,	114 63		BB. Interest on bonds,	8,700 00
C.	Net receipts for water,	\$8,580 27		CC. Total maintenance for year,	\$15,153 99
D.	Miscellaneous, (rents, repairs, sales.)	339 92		DD. Balance	466 20
E.	Total,	\$8,920 19			
FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.					
F.	Hydrants,	\$3,930 00			
G.	Fountains,	300 00			
J.	Appropriations,	2,470 00			
		\$6,700 00			
K.	Gross receipts from all sources,	\$15,620 19	EE. Total,		\$15,620 19
CONSTRUCTION.					
R.	From balance of last year,	\$1,223 18	FF. Extension of mains,		\$11,483 58
S.	From balance maintenance account,	466 20	GG. Extension of services,		1,720 31
U.	From bonds issued,	11,439 00	HH. Special, line house and meters,		155 88
	From services, private lines, etc.,	870 32	II. Total construction for year,		13,959 77
			JJ. Balance,		48 93
P.	Total,	\$14,008 70	KK. Total,		\$14,008 70

W. Net cost of works to date \$265,462 10
X. Bonded debt at this date 219,000 08
Z. Rate of interest, 4 per cent.

CONSUMPTION.

- 1 Estimated total population at date, 4969.
- 2 Estimated population on lines of pipes at date, 4550.
- 3 Estimated population supplied at date, 4200.
- 4 Total number of gallons consumed for year, 54,250,465.
- 5 Passed through domestic meters.
- 6 Passed through manufacturing meters.
- 7 Average daily consumption, 148,631.
- 8 Gallons per day to each inhabitant (1), 29.91.
- 9 Gallons per day to each consumer (3), 35.38.
- 10 Gallons per day to each tap (distribution), 140.48.

DISTRIBUTION.

MAINS.

- 1 Kind of pipe used, cast iron.
- 2 Sizes from 4 inches to 12 inches.
- 3 Extended, 12,114 feet.
- 4 Discontinued, none.
- 5 Total, now in use, 26.902 miles.
- 6 Cost of repairs per mile, \$0.296.
- 7 Number of leaks per mile, .037.
- 8 Small distribution pipes less than four inches, none.
- 9 Hydrants added, 9.
- 10 Number now in use, 140.
- 11 Stop gates added, 14.
- 12 Number now in use, 234.
 Cost of pumping, figured on total maintenance, viz.:
 \$15,153.99.
- 13 Small stop gates less than four inches, none.
- 14 Number of blow-off gates, 14.
- 15 Range of pressure on mains at centre for day and night, 68
 to 78 pounds.

SERVICES.

- 16 Kind of pipe used, galvanized iron, cement-lined, iron, lead-lined iron, cast iron.
- 17 Size, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 inches.
- 18 Extended, 3652 feet.
- 19 Discontinued, 66 feet.
- 20 Total, now in use, 14 .109 miles.
- 21 Service taps added, 41.
- 22 Number now in use, 1057.
- 23 Average length for 1900, 89 feet.
- 24 Average cost of services for 1900, \$41.95.
- 25 Meters added, 45.
- 26 Number now in use, 962.
- 27 Motors added, 1.
- 28 Number now in use, 3.

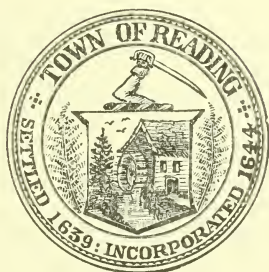
LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Superintendent.*

READING, January 31, 1901.

TOWN OF READING.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

...OF THE...



Electric Light Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31, 1900.



OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT.

Commissioners.

HENRY ROBINSON, <i>Chairman</i> ,	.	.	Term expires 1901
A. NEWELL HOWES, <i>Sec'y</i> ,	.	.	" " 1902
WM. S. KINSLEY,	.	.	" " 1903

Superintendent and Manager.

STEWART S. BELL.

Clerk.

A. R. PRENTISS.

OFFICE :

OFFICE HOURS :

Room 10, Masonic Block.

Monday and Saturday, 7.30 to 9 p. m.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1900.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CONSTRUCTION.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for 1900	\$1,500 00
“ “ arc lamp, Bancroft ave.	90 00
“ “ “ “ Mineral street	75 00
Cash received from sale of cable	15 75
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	\$1,680 75

EXPENDITURES.

LINES.

Pettingill, Andrews & Co., Insulators	\$4 50
Francis Bros., sundries	13 48
Amer. Express Co., express	80
B. & M. R. R., freight	2 63
C. S. Knowles, cable	156 46
E. O. Lunden, hanger boards	5 10
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$182 97

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$182 97	
Western Electric Co., wire . . .	383 28	
L. B. White & Co., express . . .	2 50	
General Electric Co., cable and arresters . . .	24 80	
E. H. Forbes, labor . . .	2 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber . . .	2 53	
George McQuesten Co., poles . . .	78 25	
H. M. Viall, express . . .	40	
Pay rolls . . .	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$751 73

ARC LAMPS.

E. O. Lunden, lamps . . .	\$51 00
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METERS.

Westinghouse Electric & M'fg. Co., meters	\$402 46	
B. & M. R. R., freight . . .	25	
	<hr/>	\$402 71

CONVERTERS.

General Electric Co., converters . . .	\$198 00	
B. & M. R. R., freight . . .	1 84	
H. M. Viall, freight . . .	1 61	
	<hr/>	\$201 45

OFFICE FURNITURE.

Frye, Phipps & Co., money drawer . . .	\$1 50	
Reading Planing Mill, counters . . .	65 25	
Morse & Whyte, grill work . . .	30 06	
	<hr/>	\$96 81
Total charges to construction account		\$1,503 70

SUMMARY.

Charges to construction account . . .	\$1,503 70
Amount borrowed from maintenance account, 1899	269 41
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	1,773 11
Less credits to construction account . . .	1,680 75
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Amount borrowed from maintenance, 1900.	\$92 36

RECAPITULATION.

COST OF READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT TO
DECEMBER 31, 1900.

	Total Cost Dec. 30, 1899.	Acc't Rendered Dec. 31, 1900.	Total Cost Dec. 31, 1900.
Real Estate	\$21,091 97		\$21,091 97
Steam Plant	14,073 03		14,073 03
Electric Plant	10,037 31		10,037 31
Lines	18,072 76	751 73	18,824 49
Arc lamps and globes	2,569 96	51 00	2,620 96
Incandescent lamps	1,331 79		1,331 79
Meters	2,333 14	402 71	2,735 85
Converters	3,375 72	201 45	3,577 17
Incidental Const. Exp.	2,556 98		2,556 98
Office furniture	357 38	96 81	454 19
Board expenses	63 82		63 82
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Totals	\$75,863 86	\$1,503 70	\$77,367 56
Less incandescent lamp account transferred to maintenance	\$1,331 79		\$1,331 79
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Totals	\$74,532 07	\$1,503 70	\$76,035 77

Construction stock on hand Dec. 31, 1900	\$338 82	
Cash received for cable	15 75	
Amount due from consumers	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$354 07
Total cost of Plant Dec. 31, 1900 . . .		<hr/> \$75,681 70

MAINTENANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Dec. 30, 1899	\$13 04	
Amount due from construction Dec. 30, 1899	269 41	
Appropriation for 1900	4,500 00	
Appropriation for interest, 1900	2,276 50	
Cash for Commercial Incan. Light	2,570 41	
Cash for Domestic Incan. Light	2,951 80	
Cash for Town Incan. Light	171 39	
Cash for Meter Rents	211 90	
Cash for Incandescent Lamps	66 86	
Cash for Wiring, Labor and Fixtures	1,237 78	
Cash for Repairs on Globes	75	
Cash for Interest on Deposits	65	
	<hr/>	\$14,270 49

EXPENDITURES.

FUEL.

Curran & Burton, coal	\$2,406 98	
J. Albert Walker & Co., coal	103 40	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	374 91	
Pay rolls	13 75	
	<hr/>	\$2,899 04

OIL AND WASTE.

C. A. Claflin & Co., waste	\$8 34	
Reading Co-op. Ass'n, kerosene	9 20	
A. W. Harris Oil Co., oil	146 35	
H. M. Viall, freight and express	4 95	
H. K. Austin, gasoline	62	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	1 45	
Kidder Supply Co., waste	9 04	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., waste	17 50	
Fred Wallace, kerosene	3 30	
	<hr/>	\$200 75

WATER.

Reading Water Works	\$67 99
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STATION WAGES.

Pay rolls	\$2,526 07
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REPAIRS OF REAL ESTATE.

W. Bancroft & Co., lumber	\$13 56	
Francis Bros., sundries	2 10	
Pay rolls	19 00	
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REPAIRS OF STEAM PLANT.

Jenkins Bros., packing	\$1 43	
R. B. McKim, lubricant	85	
Knowles Packing Co., packing	10 94	
C. A. Claflin & Co., valves, guage glasses, etc.	7 21	
Francis Bros., sundries	2 68	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., gaskets, etc.	2 37	
	<hr/>	\$25 48
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$25 48
J. H. Carleton, sundries	90
H. M. Viall, freight and express	55
American Express Co., freight and express	3 50
Fife Bros., Carter & Co., repairs	29 48
Fairbanks & Co., repairs	6 25
C. L. Ireson, taking up belts	11 40
Edw. Kendall & Sons, plates	15 78
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	26
Horton Manufacturing Co., labor	3 12
J. D. Canty, brickwork	17 07
W. Bancroft & Co., brick and cement . .	17 96
F. W. Gregory & Co., grease	2 00
Phoenix Oil Co., belt dressing	8 75
M. H. O'Brien, labor and material	70 43
A. N. Chesterton, rings and packing . . .	4 15
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	\$217 08

REPAIRS OF ELECTRIC PLANT.

Horton Manf'g Co., grinding commutator . .	14 90
American Express Co., express	1 75
Westinghouse Electric & Mf'g Co., coils and segments	10 32
Pay rolls	5 75
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	\$32 72

STATION TOOLS.

Standard Chemical Co., soaposo	11 25
C. A. Claffin & Co., pipe cutter	1 80
Francis Bros., sundries	14 48
F. E. Fitts Manf'g Co., steel tray	4 95

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$32 48
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$32 48
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	50
G. H. Atkinson, polish	60
Kidder Supply Co., 1 hemp mat . .	1 75
H. M. Viall, express	25
Weston Electrical Instrument Co., repair- ing one volt meter	2 00
O. O. Ordway, repairing tools . . .	3 25
C. A. Claffin & Co., steel oiler . . .	1 05
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	\$41 88

WAGES CARE OF LIGHTS.

Pay rolls	728 00
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REPAIRS OF LINES AND LAMPS.

Francis Bros., sundries	\$6 73
American Express Co., express . .	1 40
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . .	90
P. J. Seaman, iron work and jobbing .	4 33
Western Electric Co., carbon holders .	7 43
H. M. Viall, freight and express . .	1 50
Littlefield & Kennedy, rewinding converters	80 00
T. H. Brady, rods and spreaders . .	3 00
F. G. MacDonald, cloth	1 00
Pay rolls	449 63
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	\$555 92

CARBONS.

Standard Carbon Co., carbons . . .	\$199 55
Pettingell, Andrews Co., carbons . .	11 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	17 36
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	\$227 91

INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

Pettingell, Andrews Co., lamps . . .	\$5 54	
Western Electric Co., " . . .	99 25	
General Electric Co., " . . .	103 50	
Lynn Incan. Lamp Co., " . . .	27 50	
Frank Willis	4 60	
American Express Co., express . . .	25	
	<hr/>	\$240 64

GLOBES.

F. O. Dewey & Co., globes . . .	\$30 38	
H. M. Viall, freight and express . .	1 30	
	<hr/>	\$31 68

DISTRIBUTION TOOLS.

Pettingell, Andrews Co., torch . . .	\$2 50
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GENERAL SALARIES.

S. S. Bell, manager	\$1,200 16	
A. R. Prentiss, clerk	300 00	
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GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSE.

C. C. Hoffman & Co., rubber stamps . .	\$1 00	
Electric World, subscription . . .	3 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing and ad- vertising	13 75	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., meter books, etc. .	5 05	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service . . .	8 50	
H. Prentiss, P. M., postage . . .	36 90	
S. S. Bell, manager, sundries . . .	13 75	
A. R. Prentiss, clerk, sundries . . .	8 35	
	<hr/>	\$90 30

RENTS.

Masonic Temple Corporation, rent . . .	\$132 00
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INSURANCE.

Field & Cowles	\$432 65
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BAD DEBT.

Accounts charged off as worthless . . .	\$72 71
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INCIDENTALS.

Reading Co-op. Ass'n, lawn seed . . .	\$ 50
Fred Wallace, washing soda . . .	1 65
H. D. Harriman, Goldena . . .	6 00
Meyers, Putz Pomade Co., putz pomade . .	1 90
Standard Chemical Co., soap powder . .	10 80
Pay rolls	3 50
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	\$24 35

INTEREST.

Interest on bonds	\$1,800 00
“ “ notes	476 50
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	\$2,276 50

STABLE.

W. C. Taylor, repairing harnesses . . .	\$ 95
P. J. Seaman, iron work and jobbing . .	10 80
Z. S. Richards, shoeing	25 90
C. D. Wells, shoeing	18 25
Coates & Robinson, repairing harnesses .	6 20
Geo. Adams & Co., painting and repairing wagons	21 35
F. W. Danforth, painting wagons . . .	22 00
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., service . . .	7 50
F. P. Abbott, board and care of horse . .	240 00
R. A. White, board and care of horse . .	240 00
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	\$592 95

WIRING, LABOR AND FIXTURES.

American Express Co., express	\$5 05	
Beattie Zinc Co., salamoniac	50	
Anchor Electric Co., cleats and moulding .	7 20	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., wiring supplies	42 80	
N. Y. Insulated Wire Co., wire	91 65	
Belcher-Loomis Co., wire, cord and supplies	72 58	
Pettingell, Andrews Co., supplies	254 79	
Francis Bros., supplies	12 97	
Western Electric Co., supplies	106 71	
H. M. Viall, freight and express	16 85	
McKenney & Waterbury, fixtures	365 56	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	5 85	
C. S. Knowles, wire and conduit	43 62	
P. J. Seaman, jobbing	55	
Fife Bros. Carter & Co., sundries	1 39	
General Electric Co., wire	31 00	
Pay rolls	155 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,214 32
Total charges to maintenance account .		<hr/> \$14,142 78

SUMMARY.

Total credits to maintenance account .	\$14,270 49	
Total charges to maintenance account .	\$14,142 78	
	<hr/>	\$127 71
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1900 :	\$35 35	
Amount loaned construction account . .	92 36	
	<hr/>	\$127 71

RECAPITULATION.

COST OF MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING INTEREST ON BONDS AND

NOTES, YEAR OF 1900.

Fuel	\$2,899 04
Oil and waste	200 75
Water	67 99
Station wages	2,526 07
Repairs of real estate	34 66
" " steam plant	217 08
" " electric plant	32 72
Station tools	41 88
Wages care of lights	728 00
Repairs of lines and lamps	555 92
Carbons	227 91
Incandescent lamps	240 64
Globes	31 68
Distribution tools	2 50
General salaries	1,500 16
General office expenses	90 30
Rents	132 00
Insurance	432 65
Bad debts	72 71
Incidentals	24 35
Interest	2,276 50
Stable	592 95
Wiring, labor and fixtures	1,214 32
Amount due from wiring and labor, Dec.	
30, 1899	872 59
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$15,015 37</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$15,015 37
Amount due from consumers for light, meter rent, etc., Dec. 30, 1899 . .	1,300 03
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 30, 1899 .	338 74
	<hr/> \$16,654 14

Less amount received in 1900 from	
Commercial incandescent Light . .	\$2,570 41
Domestic " " . .	2,951 80
Town " " . .	171 39
Meter rents	211 90
Wiring, labor and fixtures	1,237 78
Incandescent lamps	66 86
Repairs of globes	75
Interest on deposits	65
	<hr/> \$7,211 54
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 31, 1900 .	233 92
Amount due Dec. 31, 1900, for	
Commercial Incandescent Light . .	716 28
Domestic " " . .	638 20
Town " " . .	37 47
Wiring, labor and fixtures	870 16
Meter rents	44 40
Incandescent lamps	33 05
	<hr/> \$9,785 02
	<hr/> \$6,869 12
Bills payable Dec. 30, 1899	\$882 14
" " " 30, 1901	707 66
	<hr/> \$74 48
Total cost of Maintenance 1900	<hr/> \$6,794 64

Number of arc street lamps 132.

Cost of each lamp for 1900 . . . \$51 47

INVENTORY.

CONSTRUCTION STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1900.

2 Converters	\$144 00
40 Bolts	40
40 Lags	60
1000 ft. Wire	28 46
12 Poles	56 00
30 Cross Arms	7 60
104 Insulators	1 56
7 Pole Hoods	35 00
16 Locus Pins	20
800 ft. Lead Cable	60 00
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	\$333 82

MAINTENANCE STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1900.

50 Fuse Plugs	\$1 50
16 Cutouts	4 32
4 Rosettes	56
4 lbs. Splicing Compound	1 60
14 Attaching Plugs	1 68
125 Tubes	96
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Leather Nailheads	20
5 Push Buttons	87
12 Crow^feet	60
40 Insulating Joints	12 00
500 ft. W. P. Wire	6 15
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$30 44

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$30 44
7 lb. W. P. Wire	1 75
625 ft. Conduit	27 65
280 ft. Cord	8 40
3 lbs. wire	1 00
10 Shade Holders	42
31 Sockets	5 37
15 Switches	11 80
2 Receptacles	3 00
1 lb. Tape	30
110 Fuse Links	1 47
61 Bushings	30
100 Adjusters	50
540 C. Knobs	2 70
18 Arc Globes	11 88
178 Incandescent Lamps	41 51
1 Cord Slabs	4 00
223 Gals. Oil	81 43
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	\$233 92
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Total stock on hand Dec. 31, 1900	\$567 74
Number of Incandescent Lamps installed in 1900	610
Number of poles installed in 1900	18
Number of meters " " "	24
Number of converters installed in 1900	3
Wire installed in 1900	12,700 feet
Coal used in 1900	585 tons
Number of consumers Dec. 31, 1899	172
" " " added during 1900	46
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Total	218

Number of consumers discontinued during

1900 17

Net increase 29

Number of days and hours that street circuits were lighted during
year 1900:

	Days.	Hours.
January	28	167
February	26	144
March	21	122
April	21	101
May	23	164
June	22	87
July	25	103
August	27	126
September	25	132
October	29	189
November	24	174
December	29	185
Total	300	1,634

Table showing the earnings each month from Incandescent light and meter rents and a comparison with the previous year:

	Light.	Meter Rents.	1900 Total.	1899 Total.
January . . .	\$762 45	\$17 20	\$779 65	\$514 97
February . . .	508 27	14 40	522 67	389 50
March . . .	423 12	17 20	440 32	420 05
April . . .	430 39	19 30	449 69	294 08
May . . .	299 87	16 40	316 27	291 34
June . . .	221 65	15 70	237 35	214 99
July . . .	215 72	12 80	228 52	169 73
August . . .	297 21	17 90	315 11	288 15
September . . .	437 90	22 80	460 70	411 47
October . . .	645 05	20 70	665 75	598 83
November . . .	957 44	21 90	979 34	641 28
December . . .	833 17	22 80	855 97	684 84
Total	\$6,032 24	\$219 10	\$6,251 34	\$4,919 23
Less discount allowed for cash payments .			\$211 76	\$173 87
			\$6,039 58	\$4,745 36

The cost of maintenance for the year 1900 as shown by the financial part of this report has increased as compared to previous years. This is owing to the higher prices which prevail for coal and other necessary supplies and to additional labor expended upon line and lamps.

The street lamps have been lighted 117 hours more than during 1899 as there was a demand from the citizens for the light a little earlier in the evening and on nights that were cloudy during what is known as the moonlight schedule.

The receipts from incandescent lighting have increased proportionate to former years which has brought down the net cost of street lamps a trifle less per lamp than for 1899.

The board have decided to discontinue the department of wiring, but any repairs such as fuses, switches or any small matters will be attended to as heretofore upon application to the Superintendent.

For maintenance the current year the Board have asked an appropriation \$500 less than last year. This is based upon the belief that the earnings will continue to gain.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ROBINSON, *Chairman,*

A. NEWELL HOWES, *Sec'y,*

WM. S. KINSLEY,

Town of Reading Municipal Light Board.

ANNUAL REPORT

...OF THE...

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

...OF THE...

Town of Reading

For the Year Ending December 31, 1900.

School Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> , Walnut St.,	Term expires	1902
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Sec'y</i> , Washington St.,	" "	1903
HORACE G. WADLIN, Woburn St.,	" "	1902
MRS. ELLEN M. BANCROFT, Sanborn St.,	" "	1903
MRS. MARY L. NESMITH, Main St.,	" "	1901
HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.,	" "	1901

Superintendent of Schools.

MELVILLE A. STONE.

Truant Officers.

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

ARTHUR E. DAVIS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*

GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Finances and Accounts.

G. L. Parker,

H. G. Wadlin

Books and Supplies.

W. S. Parker,

Mrs. Nesmith

School Houses and Property.

H. G. Wadlin,

H. C. Parker

G. L. Parker.

Rules and Regulations.

H. C. Parker,

H. G. Wadlin

Mrs. Bancroft.

Teachers and Salaries.

W. S. Parker,

Mrs. Nesmith

G. L. Parker.

Music and Drawing.

Mrs. Bancroft,

G. L. Parker

Course of Study.

H. G. Wadlin,

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee, in compliance with law and custom submits the following annual report concerning the schools of Reading during the year ending December 31, 1900.

We desire to call the attention of all interested citizens to the reports of the Superintendent, High School Principal and Directors. These reports mention, with some detail, the work attempted in the various departments of school work.

We solicit the most careful scrutiny of those pages in the report which show a detailed account of the expenditure of money. The Committee appreciates the fact that the Town has nearly always granted the several sums recommended in our annual reports and we believe the financial reports of the Board will show that the money has been wisely and economically expended.

It is not too much to say that the past year has been a very successful school year, although we were unfortunate in losing several of our strong teachers, who received offers of higher salary elsewhere, yet notwithstanding that fact we were successful in procuring, with the assistance of the Superintendent, a number of teachers who have carried on the work with commendable skill.

We wish to thank those parents who responded so generously to our invitation to meet the teachers of the town at the Highland School Hall. The schools are *for* the pupils and the most interested persons are the parents and friends of the pupils, and in order to make the greatest possible success in the schools we must have

the most sympathetic co-operation of parents and teachers. The school department expends yearly the largest sum given by the Town to any department and the moral and social interests at stake are of the greatest moment.

The Superintendent is now working on his second year of service for the town and we wish to congratulate the citizens of Reading in having the services of so able and efficient a man and we are convinced it would be a judicious expenditure of money to employ him for another day per week, thus making his time three days, instead of two as at present. The work now done by the Superintendent is not only necessary but absolutely indispensable to the highest good of the schools.

VACANCIES.

The terms of Mary L. Nesmith and Henry C. Parker, members of the committee, expire at the ensuing town meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommends the sum of \$19,500 for regular school expenses, \$4,000 for school incidentals, \$1,000 for salary of Superintendent, \$500 for repairs on High School, \$500 for edge-stones and concrete on Middlesex Avenue.

Adopted in School Committee January 30, 1901.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*,
HORACE G. WADLIN,
ELLEN M. BANCROFT,
HENRY C. PARKER,
MARY L. NESMITH,
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary*.

READING, Jan. 30, 1901.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading :

My second annual report, the eighth in the period of superintendency of Reading schools, is herewith respectfully submitted.

Referring first to repairs found to be absolutely needed for the preservation of the buildings and for the proper renovation of the interior, I mention the painting of the woodwork of the Highland School, the clearing of the gutters and repairs of the slate roof, the painting of the interior of the Lowell St., the John St. and the Chestnut Hill schools.

Additional repairs consist in placing extra windows in the rooms at Chestnut Hill School and putting in a stairway to admit of ready access to the fuel supply for the stoves still in use there.

These changes give ample light in rooms that before were gloomy on dark days and enable the teachers to regulate the temperature of the rooms better in the mild but uncertain weather of the fall and spring.

At the High School it was found that the main corridor would not accommodate the number of bicycles used by the pupils, and after considering two other plans it was thought best to provide an entrance to the spacious concreted basement which was formerly used for a lunch room.

Upon the opening of the High School it was found that the former arrangement of rooms would not accommodate the type-

writers for the sixteen who had elected that work, and it became necessary to discover a little unused space to be devoted to this purpose. By throwing out the partition between two hallways on the second floor and enclosing with suitable partitions, a room has been secured of sufficient size to accommodate a dozen typewriters if necessary.

It was the hope of the committee that the shingling of the John street school might be postponed till next summer, but the condition made apparent by the rains of the fall required prompt action, if more extensive repairs were to be avoided, and accordingly a new roof has been laid during the past month.

At small expense we have been able to make safe the steps at the entrances of three of our school houses, but it is certain that new steps must be built in case of two of them, and perhaps all, this coming summer, and I wish to call your attention to this situation in time to provide for these necessary repairs.

I recall your requisition of \$500, to put in proper condition the High School building and was sorry to learn that the voters in town meeting failed to comply with your request.

As the months pass it cannot be expected that the condition of the roof and the ceilings beneath will improve.

While it may seem to many unwise to expend a great deal upon so old a building, nevertheless it is certain that we must use it for our High School for the next four or five years at least. It would seem sound business policy to keep the building in good repair and make such changes as may be necessary to accommodate the increasing work of the school as economically as possible.

When we consider that we may expect about sixty of the eighty eighth grade pupils to enter the High School next September, and that the present enrollment 138 will be diminished by graduation by thirteen only, it will be seen that next year the en-

rollment of about 175 will tax the seating capacity of the building to very nearly its limit.

But seating capacity for the pupils during the time of assembling is not the only thing required in a building used for modern school work.

The extension of the commercial work of the school, to which I refer later, will call for an additional recitation room, and I urge the necessity of securing a sufficient appropriation to provide for this work, about \$150.

With a net increase in the enrollment of the school of 25 each year, after the next according to the numbers in the present fifth, sixth and seventh grades, it is evident that the matter of a new High School building will force itself upon us soon.

In case of the primary schools we find the rooms at the Union street and John street schools so well filled that there is no opportunity to consolidate and so provide room for those pupils whose age will entitle them to admission next April. A year ago it was possible to consolidate the schools at the Highland so as to allow a transfer of nearly one room of third grade and make room for the beginners, and this was done although with considerable disadvantage to all the pupils who were obliged to change teachers. This year the rooms in the upper grades are too full to admit of this and one of two courses seems open to us, namely, furnish the rear room of the John street building in time for the April pupils or defer their admission till next September.

I submit this for your consideration with the additional thought that prospects are not favorable for avoiding the use of that room in September. The census shows an increase of 25 over the enrollment of '99, and this gain is wholly in the grades below the High School. With the extension of the plant of the Rubber Works and other gains in population in prospect we are liable to see a considerable increase in the school population.

In regard to the amount needed for repairs it should be borne in mind that two of our school houses, the John street and the Lowell street, should be painted the coming summer for the others will all need painting in the next year or the following at latest, and it seems to me that we should plan to distribute these heavy expenses over a number of years rather than allow the buildings to suffer and eventually call for considerably larger outlay.

TRANSPORTATION.

With the opening of the Lawrence & Reading Street Railway it seemed best to transport the pupils of the Main street school to those in the center of the town. A special attendant was provided to accompany the pupils each way, and free transportation to all pupils below seventh grade. The advantage to the pupils of this and the Haverhill street school resulting from the transfer is very great as was anticipated, and we are enabled to extend the best the schools of the town afford to the most remote as well as to those living in the center, and this, I consider, should be sought in conferring all public benefits.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Considering first the changes in the work of the High School it is a pleasure to be able to report some of the results of extending the Commercial Course.

As we stated a year ago the work was laid out then, with the view to preparing for a complete commercial course covering four years and including two years of Stenography and Typewriting. The liberality of the citizens in town meeting assembled enabled us to offer these subjects to the pupils at the opening of the school last September.

A perusal of the report of the principal of the school will show how great was the demand for such work.

With sixteen pupils electing both these subjects it became

necessary to secure six typewriters instead of four, which had previously been estimated sufficient, also to provide more room for their use as already stated.

As just intimated, our revised course of study enables the pupils to elect their subjects under certain restrictions, one of which is that a definite amount of the work in English shall be taken by pupils in all courses.

This arrangement allows a pupil to follow the work which has the greater interest for him better than the former plan, while in case of those taking the commercial work a sufficient amount of history, literature, and science are required to give them a good equipment for the duties and responsibilities of later years, much better, we believe, than can be secured at a Commercial College where less attention is given to the culture studies.

Our equipment for the work in Book-keeping is incomplete, for the ordinary desk does not give sufficient room to accommodate the various books and blank forms used, and I recommend the change referred to earlier, which would allow of arranging all the desks now on the second floor in the large room and give an opportunity to fit up the rear room on the second floor with desks suited to the needs of the work in Book-keeping. After considering several systems of Shorthand it was decided to introduce the Gregg Light Line system. The results thus far indicate that we made no mistake. In three months six of the sixteen were able to write at the rate of one hundred words a minute.

I am sure the people who have given their support to this work so far will not be disposed to allow it to be seriously handicapped by lack of suitable equipment.

A good gain has been made in the equipment of the school for the teaching of Physics and Biology, and the results are manifest in the work of the pupils. Some gain has also been made in Chemistry work, but the laboratory is not suitably arranged for indi-

vidual laboratory work by the pupils to the extent it should be carried on. It is hardly fair toward the teacher or the pupils for the next five years or more to expect them to meet the modern college requirements in Chemistry under the conditions now existing. I recommend that the tables now in use be altered to meet the modern requirements at a cost of about \$100.

MANUAL TRAINING.

A year ago we were encouraged to find the town ready to grant us \$500 for the purpose of installing a plant for giving our boys in seventh and eighth grades instruction in sloyd work. The appropriation was made at the town meeting held March 5th, and on Friday, April 13, the instructor employed at the time met four classes, two in the morning and two in the afternoon, for the first time.

In putting in the plant it was deemed best to provide twenty benches, and the decision proved wise, for three rooms of seventh and eight grades this last fall gave a quota of twenty boys each and the fourth gave fourteen boys, which allowed six of the boys in High School to continue their work begun last spring. Our instructor, Mr. M. W. Murray, was called to a larger field in Springfield in the summer vacation, and we secured Mr. Herbert F. Burrage as his successor.

The cost of the equipment, which is a little larger than that first considered, is as follows:

Benches	\$150 00
Tools	203 89
Carpenter work	184 17
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	\$538 06

The running expenses of the department consist in the salary of the instructor, which for this first six months of school amounts

to \$189, and the material used in making the models, wood of various kinds and small hardware amounting in all to \$59.08. This gives a statistical account of what we are doing for our boys in the upper grammar grades. While these are engaged in this work the girls of the same grades are busy with careful work in cardboard construction, cutting to the accurately drawn lines and in some cases pasting to make a variety of useful and decorative articles.

I am aware that some people are still inclined to talk as if we were bringing so great a variety of work into the curriculum that the pupils are passed along with nothing definitely grasped mentally. In answer to such an opinion regarding manual training I wish to refer to the statement of one who has had considerable experience with grammar grade pupils. "There is a certain condition of the work I see going on in these rooms this year that I can hardly explain unless it is due to the manual training work. In my own room specially and in the others to a good degree I notice greater care in the English work, greater accuracy and better arrangement in the work in arithmetic, a clearer idea of taking notes and entering them in an orderly way in the historical note books." Now if this is secured when the pupils have about an hour and a half less time per week than formerly in which to do their former regular work it seems to me clear proof of the value of manual training as a means of stimulating thought, of gaining full control of one's powers, and the remarks of our chairman a year ago, that "on account of the nature of the work it has not been considered an additional burden to the requirements of the course," have again been verified in our experience here.

As soon as we can have the necessary means I recommend that the card-board construction work and other kinds of manual training be introduced into the lower grades. Skill in the use of the needle, the scissors, the splints in mat weaving, all prove help-

ful to the pupil as he advances, and both muscular control and mental power are gained.

HISTORY.

This study has received a fresh impulse in the seventh and eighth grades by the use of the *Ivanhoe Historical Note Book*. In this are to be found outline maps of the country at various stages of its discovery and development and the pupils take pleasure and a commendable pride in placing upon the opposite page brief notes on the events connected with the region studied. This proves with us a very satisfactory plan of reviewing practically all the work attempted in the study of our country's history, for with the maps and notes ample opportunity is given to place in a permanent record for the pupil all that he has learned from song and story as he has advanced through the grades. There is still need of additional reading material of this character to make possible the carrying out of a definite course in history, but we hope to be able to report a decided gain in this matter at a later time.

ARITHMETIC.

The Speer number work introduced last year is giving excellent results in the second grade where we are introducing the pupils to arithmetical work almost exclusively by this plan. The use of these blocks in the latter part of the first year is simply to become somewhat familiar with their names as a preparation for second year work.

In accordance with my recommendation of last year copies of the *First Book of the Werner Arithmetics* have been given to the pupils of third and fourth grades. The results are already gratifying in both grades while the pupils in third grade especially manifest the keenest interest in this work. The teachers of fifth and sixth grades have given much oral work from the desk copy of these arithmetics, and it is now felt that the work would be greatly aided by placing the books in the hands of these pupils.

I would recommend that this be done as soon as possible that we may make the most of the time that remains to us this year.

If our pupils are to secure the proper familiarity with arithmetical work in the time that is proportional to the value of the subject, it must be by so changing our methods of presentation that the pupils shall be able to comprehend the several steps better as they proceed. In my judgment no better plan has been presented to the great body of teachers for years than that of Mr. Frank H. Hall in the *Werner Arithmetics*, and while I think it advisable to introduce them gradually I think it is best to give the pupils this material as fast as they are prepared for it, hence my recommendation.

GEOGRAPHY.

Additional interest in this subject is secured by the use of outline maps in connection with the text. We find that Frye's *Elements of Geography* gives sufficient material for the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

In the fourth grade we aim to make the pupils somewhat familiar with the first portion of the book including the relative size and location of the continents, the location of the world ridge, river basins, surface features, shore forms, reading of maps, rainfall and the variety of life dependent upon climate, with the application of this knowledge to the continents of the Western Hemisphere, using the outline maps.

For the fifth grade similar treatment is given to the divisions of the Eastern Hemisphere with a review of the countries of the Western Hemisphere for the last ten or twelve weeks of the year.

For the sixth grade a careful study is given to the United States, using the development maps of the different sections, paying special attention to the products, industries, and later to the commerce with the old world countries.

The information given in the Elements of Geography is supplemented by such material as may be available in information readers or descriptions of various industries.

This plan leaves the Complete Geography of the series as fresh material for the seventh, and eighth grades, and while the pupils may not be considered as having mastered the subject with the work in these grades, they will have had a training in the subject that will enable them to follow out the geographical study of any country intelligently in later life, and this power to prosecute their studies further we consider of greater importance than simply holding in memory many items regarding different countries.

LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR.

The adoption of the revised series of Tarbell's Language and Grammar, last January, has enabled us to lay out a course that gives promise of greatly improving the work in English Grammar and Composition.

The first book of the series offers material in language work and in technical grammar to occupy the pupils profitably in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

Without limiting the teachers definitely to the page, the effort is made to have the pupils master one-third of the work in each division, language and grammar, in each of the grades, while continual use is made of the part given to punctuation, making the pupils more and more familiar with this part of good writing introducing its difficulties gradually.

Already great improvement is noticed in the work of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades since the use of the present series of books.

The second book of the series is like the first in the arrangement of the material, and it is used in a similar manner in seventh, and eighth grades.

It is confidently expected that this plan of work will effective-

ly prepare our eighth grade pupils for the more advanced English or the High School, especially after the plan has been followed long enough to derive the full benefit of it.

READING.

Some additional reading material has been provided during the past year, but the necessary expenditure in other lines has made it impossible to secure all that is needed for the best results. We trust our appropriation for the coming year will enable us to put the course in reading in proper condition.

NATURE STUDY.

The gain in this work consists in providing as aids in preparation the Wilson Manual in Nature Study for the lowest grades, Lange's Handbook of Nature Study for the intermediate work, and Jackman's Nature Study for grammar grades. These together with Boyden's Nature Study make it possible, with the time available, to plan work for the different grades that shall not prove devoid of interest because of repetition.

A wider range of subjects is also made possible with better work in each. Considerable latitude is given the teachers in the different schools to enable them to take advantage of the material available and adapt the work to the different grades they have.

The emphasis in this work is put upon developing a permanent interest in the work by the plan of conducting the observation rather than by giving a large number of facts not gained by the pupils.

MORAL TRAINING.

There is a sense in which all school work tends to strengthen the moral fibre of the pupil, if it is so conducted that the pupil's inner nature is reached and he sees the wisdom of choosing the best things presented to him. The Humane Education work is still continued with the addition to the material used last year of a

paper devoted to these interests named *Pets and Animals*, and published at Springfield, O. Thus fresh interest is secured and the work is regarded as a part of the regular duties of the school.

Still greater attention is given to making the pupils familiar with our poets by giving as memory gems, or for reading in the upper grammar grades, the poems of Longfellow, Lowell, Whittier, Holmes, Hawthorne, Bryant, Irving and Emerson.

From these we are enabled to hold before the pupils some of the highest ideals of living, and so far as these may find lodgment in their minds so far the victory is gained over evil tendencies, for "out of the heart are the issues of life." As we prize our opportunities to mould the characters of our children and youth, we should eagerly avail ourselves of any plan that promises good.

I believe great good is gained from a plan that encourages the saving of the pennies and nickels that are spent by so many of our pupils for candy, and other things to gratify a passing desire or whim. By providing them a means of accumulating these pennies until they amount to larger sums, at least these advantages would be secured, the physical gain resulting from more regular habits in eating, and a repeated exercise of self-control respecting the gratifying of the appetite or of trivial desires harmless, perhaps, in themselves but tending to thoughtless extravagance. The difference between the thrifty and the spendthrift lies in the fact that the former gives sufficient thought to the permanent good to be obtained by any outlay, while the latter caters to the caprice of the moment. A system of saving the pennies has been adopted by many schools that gives remarkable results in the amount saved in the year.

The Stamp Savings Society offers a plan by which the amount deposited by a pupil is recorded in his book by affixing stamps of equal face value. The usual plan of carrying on this work in the schools is to have some teacher receive the money and affix the

stamps on a certain day of each week, at the close of the school, and forward the amount to the central office, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass. I believe greater good in the promotion of temperance would result from this plan than by any system of teaching that virtue ever yet devised. The time to teach self-control is in the early years of childhood and youth. As another means of teaching the pupils self-control, I recommend the adoption of this plan.

The course of study recommended for the High School and the report of the principal of the school together with those of the special teachers are herewith submitted. It is gratifying to all to find decided progress made in each department, and while it is evident that the adding of Manual Training, Stenography and Typewriting to our work calls for a little larger outlay yearly, it should be a matter of satisfaction that our boys and girls may secure for themselves as good a preparation for office work as could be secured at a business college away from home, considered from the commercial side alone, while the additional training in English, science, and history, gives to our work far higher value.

I believe a community has no higher duty to discharge toward its young people than that of giving them as good opportunity as possible to secure a good education, to fit themselves for their life work in different departments of industry.

It is comparatively easy to map out courses of study which would lead to desirable results, but it is far more difficult to secure the teachers that are able to secure from these courses the grand possibilities that lie in them. The teacher, after all, is the most important factor in this whole problem of education, and those who succeed best in rousing the interest of the pupils in their work, in appealing to the highest impulses of the pupils so that they develop in accord with them, readily command higher salaries than they can secure in Reading. While it will be true for some years to come that the larger cities near us will be able to offer our teach-

ers quite an advance in salary over our own, it does seem to me that our town should appropriate a little more for the purpose of retaining teachers whom the community cannot afford to lose for the matter of an additional fifty dollars.

As I stated in my last report the tax rate devoted to school purposes by Reading was just the average rate for the entire county, so that it seems perfectly fair to ask for an increase in the appropriation considering that we are deriving considerably above the average benefit from our schools.

In conclusion I wish to express my thorough appreciation of the cordial support of the committee and of the entire corps of teachers in the work of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Superintendent of Schools.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Superintendent:

The report of the High School for the year ending December 21, 1900, is respectfully presented.

The number of pupils not enrolled in any other school during the year has been 142; the per cent. of attendance 95.4; the number of pupils admitted from the grammar grade 43; from other schools 3.

Last June twenty-two pupils were graduated, and one received a certificate for work performed; of these, one has entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, two, Dartmouth College, two, the Salem Normal School.

The introduction into the course of several commercial branches during the year has been attended by very favorable results. Last September a class of fifty-two pupils began the study of Business Arithmetic and Correspondence; last June twenty-two pupils completed Williams' New Introductory Book-keeping; at present, a class of sixteen is pursuing a more complete and advanced course in Williams' Office Routine and Book-keeping. At the opening of the fall term, classes were formed in Stenography and Typewriting, with a membership, at present, of twenty (20) and nineteen (19), respectively. The instructor in these branches reports that good progress has been made. Several pupils in Stenography have attained a speed of 125 words per minute; in Typewriting, 45 by dictation, and 50 from manuscript. Three periods weekly of

forty-five minutes each have been assigned to Stenography, two, to Typewriting. To secure greater efficiency, more time should be given these studies.

The wisdom of offering to our pupils a commercial course should not be questioned. To those who demand an education that shall meet the needs of the masses, its *practical* value will appeal chiefly, but the educational and the disciplinary advantages of these studies should be emphasized as well.

While a good beginning has been made in this department, yet further facilities would add to the efficiency of the work which has been mapped out. A room fitted up especially for office routine and book-keeping is much needed. The chemical laboratory is not adapted for classes in Stenography.

Another year the work of this department will be considerably increased. There will be three more classes, two in Stenography and Typewriting, and one in Commercial Geography and Commercial Law.

I referred in my last report to the desirability of further modifying our course of study so as to offer a wider range of choice to different tastes and capacities. This end has been realized to a great extent by the elective system of studies, which was introduced at the beginning of the fall term. The course of studies which was submitted in June, 1900, offers a carefully determined minimum of studies for all pupils, with electives from a supplementary list.

The per cent. of each class taking the various subjects is here given:

FIRST CLASS.

Algebra	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 per cent.
Drawing	.	.	.	.	:	.	100 " "
English	.	.	.	.	:	.	100 " "
Music	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 " "

Business Arithmetic	.	.	.	.	67 per cent.
Botany	.	.	.	.	67 " "
History	.	.	.	.	75 " "
Latin	.	.	.	.	46 " "

SECOND CLASS.

English	.	.	.	.	100 per cent.
Music	.	.	.	.	91 " "
Book-keeping	.	.	.	.	30 " "
Drawing	.	.	.	.	30 " "
Greek	.	.	.	.	13 " "
Geometry	.	.	.	.	89 " "
History	.	.	.	.	73 " "
Latin	.	.	.	.	40 " "
Zoology	.	.	.	.	78 " "

THIRD CLASS.

English	.	.	.	.	100 per cent.
Music	.	.	.	.	86 " "
Chemistry	.	.	.	.	37 " "
French	.	.	.	.	94 " "
Greek	.	.	.	.	3 " "
History	.	.	.	.	65 " "
Latin	.	.	.	.	25 " "
Geometry	.	.	.	.	40 " "
Physics	.	.	.	.	60 " "
Stenography	.	.	.	.	34 " "
Typewriting	.	.	.	.	28 " "

FOURTH CLASS.

English	.	.	.	.	100 per cent.
Music	.	.	.	.	100 " "
Civics and History	.	.	.	.	35 " "
French	.	.	.	.	92 " "

Greek	14 per cent.
Latin	50 " "
Advanced Algebra and Geometry .	7 " "
Stenography	57 " "
Typewriting	64 " "

According to our revised course, the time given to each study, for the four years, measured in recitation periods is as follows:

Languages	1720
Latin	800
Greek	560
French	360
Mathematics	720
Algebra	360
Geometry	360
English	800
Sciences	896
Physics	340
Chemistry	200
Botany	120
Zoology	80
Physiology	60
Physical Geography	96
Sociology	544
History	360
Civics	120
Political Economy	64
Art and Music	320
Drawing	160
Music	160
Commercial Branches	1160
Arithmetic	120
Book-keeping	400

Commercial Geography	80
Stenography	320
Typewriting	200
Penmanship	40
Number of recitation periods per year required by the courses of study	6160
Number of recitations per year the teaching force can hear	6960

An excellent outline of the course in English has been submitted by the head teacher of that department. With the correspondingly continuous and progressive course in English in the lower grades, the results attained in English in the High School should become each year more satisfactory.

The science department has been strengthened from year to year. Additional apparatus has been purchased and better opportunities afforded for laboratory work. A beginning has been made in the Harvard course of experiments in Physics. With more complete equipment, all the requirements of the course may be met another year. Several pupils have expressed a desire to elect this work. Plans are being made to meet, so far as our facilities may permit, similar requirements in Chemistry.

At present, the aggregate of the class exercises weekly is 159. A careful estimate of the probable demands upon the school another year will increase the number to not less than 169, possibly to 173. The work now assigned to the teachers is all that, in justice to their health and efficiency, should be required. As principal I have had but one period per week free for visiting classes.

I am especially pleased to refer to the present year as in many respects more satisfactory than any that has preceded it since my connection with the school. The pupils have co-operated almost without a single exception with the teachers to secure good results. I desire, also, to express my appreciation of the cordial support which the school has received from all interested in its welfare.

F. E. WHITEMORE,

Principal.

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE READING HIGH SCHOOL.

Submitted June, 1900.

EXPLANATION OF COURSES.

- I. GENERAL COURSE.
- II. COLLEGE COURSE.
- III. SCIENTIFIC COURSE.
- IV. NORMAL COURSE.

The GENERAL COURSE is designed to meet the needs of those pupils whose school life will end with the High School. It aims to fit pupils for business and to give a substantial foundation of general training. Pupils electing this course are required to take studies offering eighteen exercises per week, at least fifteen of which are prepared work. The selection of studies must be with the consent of parent or guardian, and with the approval of the principal.

The COLLEGE COURSE prepares for any American College.

The SCIENTIFIC COURSE prepares for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Lawrence Scientific School and other institutions of similar character.

The NORMAL COURSE prepares for any American Normal School.

Pupils will not be allowed to change their studies or courses of study during the year except for most urgent reasons.

Those pupils who have satisfactorily completed any one of the prescribed courses of study are entitled to receive the diploma of the school. Pupils who have been members of the school one year or more, are entitled to receive certificates stating the amount of work accomplished.

During the last month of the school year, all pupils of the High School and those of the Eighth Grade are expected to decide what studies they wish to pursue during the following year, and are requested to fill out blanks designating their subjects of study.

COURSES OF STUDY IN THE READING HIGH SCHOOL.

First Year.

GENERAL.	COLLEGE.		SCIENTIFIC.		NORMAL.	
	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.
Required Studies:						
Algebra, 1-2 yr.	5				Algebra	5
Drawing					Botany	2
English	3	2			Drawing	2
Music		1			English	3
Elective Studies:					History	2
Business Arithmetic and Correspondence	3				History	2
Botany	2				Latin	5
History	2				Music	1
Latin	5					
Penmanship						
Algebra, 2d half year	5					

Second Year.

GENERAL.		COLLEGE.		SCIENTIFIC.		NORMAL.	
Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.
Required Studies:		English		English		English	
English	3	Greek I	2	Latin II	3	Geometry	3
Music	1	Geometry	4	Geometry	4	History	4
Elective Studies:		History	4	History	2	Latin	2
Bookkeeping	5	Latin II	2	Music	1	Physics	4
Drawing		Music	4	Physics 2nd half	1	Physics 2nd half	1
Greek I	4			year	2	year	2
Geometry	4			Zoology 1st half	2	Zoology 1st half	2
History	2			year	2	year	2
Latin II	4					Music	1
Physics, 2nd half							
year	2						
Zoology, 1st half	2						
year	2						

Third Year.

GENERAL.		COLLEGE.		SCIENTIFIC.		NORMAL.	
Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.	Prepared Exercises.	Unprepared Exercises.
Required Studies:		English, French I } or German I }		Chemistry, English, French I } or German I }		Chemistry, English, French I } or German I }	
English	3	2	2	3	2	3	2
Music		1	1	4	1	3	2
Elective Studies:		Greek II, Latin III, } History, II, } Geom. II, } Music,		German I } History, } Algebra II, } Geom. II, }		Latin III, Physiology, 2nd half year, } Algebra, } Geom., }	
Bookkeeping and Com. Law	5	4	1	4	1	4	1
Chemistry	3	2	2	2	1	2	1
Commercial Geography	2	4	1	4	1	4	1
French I } or German I }	4	1	1				
Greek II	4	1	1				
History	2	1	1				
Latin III	4	1	1				
Algebra II	4	1	1				
Geometry II	4	1	1				
Physics, 1st half year	3	2	2				
Physiology, 2nd half year	2	1	1				
Stenography	3	1	1				
Typewriting	2	2	2				

Fourth Year.

GENERAL.		COLLEGE.		SCIENTIFIC.		NORMAL.	
Prepared Exercises.		Prepared Exercises.		Prepared Exercises.		Prepared Exercises.	
Unprepared Exercises.		Unprepared Exercises.		Unprepared Exercises.		Unprepared Exercises.	
Required Studies:		English		Civics and		Civics and	
English	3	Greek III		History		History	
Music	2	French II		English		English	
	1	or		French II		French II	
		German II		or		or	
Elective Studies:		Latin		German II		German II	
Civics and	3	Physics(College)		Adv. Alg.		Latin	
History	3			Solid Geom.		Physical Geo-	
French III	3			Physics (College)		graphy 6 mos.	
German III	3						
Greek III	3						
Latin IV	4						
Adv. Alg.	3						
Solid Geom.	3						
Physical Geog.	3						
6 mos.	3						
Physics(College)	2						
Pol.Econ.,4 mos.	3						
Stenography	3						
Typewriting	3						

The figures indicate the number of recitation periods per week.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent :

At a conference of teachers of drawing, the State Supervisor stated that one result of his critical study of the different courses shown in the State Exhibition of Drawing, was a conviction that more attention should be given to the study of applied design. The Arts and Crafts present an attractive and profitable field for the artist-artisan, and not being over crowded with artistically trained workmen, forms an excellent opening for young and talented students who are looking for new avenues of industry, and new opportunities for advancement in life. The cultivated taste of the American people is already demanding beauty of form and proportion, as well as appropriate decoration in common objects of daily use, and it should be one of the aims of public school art instruction to develop at least a recognition and appreciation of beauty.

Mr. F. A. Hill, Secretary of the State Board of Education, in speaking of this subject, once said, "A hint or two as to a proper attitude towards drawing in the schools can be gained from our attitude towards what is now doing in language work in the schools. We want children in school to read, write, and speak the English language. A review of their work usually shows that some do it wretchedly, some passably well, some very well and some superbly. We also want the children to read good books; we want them to appreciate what is fine in literature, it being unquestionably true that children in large numbers are capable of appreciating fine

things in literature long before they can hope to do fine things in literature,—indeed, most of them never will do fine things in literature. So, in art instruction, some may draw wretchedly, some may draw fairly well, some may draw very well indeed, and now and then a person may draw superbly. But nearly all, whether they can themselves draw or not, can learn to appreciate good drawing in others. That is to say, there is in drawing instruction something corresponding to literature in English instruction. We want to get at the hearts of the children, and enlarge them for the fine and beautiful things in life. There is no question but that most precious work can be done on the culture side with children, when they cannot themselves rise much above mediocrity in their outward execution.

To give an artistic tone to industrial things in the State, we need two things; we need people who crave beautiful workmanship, on the one hand; we need people who can supply the craving with beautiful workmanship, on the other hand. When we have this demand and this supply, it seems to me that we have a hopeful condition of things."

In accordance with such suggestions more time than usual has been devoted to design this year, and along lines not before considered. Beginning in the lower grades with simple combinations of lines, striped and plaid designs were made for cambric and gingham, also borders for handkerchiefs.

The upper classes enjoyed working upon designs for other textile fabrics, for frets, keys, escutcheons, belt-buckles, stained glass windows, inlaid work, and for form and decorations of bowls and vases, for book covers, and other decorative compositions.

Mechanical drawing has been continued in connection with the manual training, working drawings having been made of objects afterwards constructed in the workshop under the direction of the teacher of that department.

That the course may be systematic and helpful as possible along all lines, the time has been divided into periods of two months each, a certain subject being studied for a definite time. In September and October nature drawing is taken by all grades, represented by colored crayons in primary grades, brush and ink in grammar grades and water colors in the High School.

November and December are devoted to mechanical drawing and constructive work, beginning in the lower grades with simple exercises in measuring and use of the ruler, and gradually developing into the more complicated working drawings. Representation of objects is usually considered in January and February, but as before stated much of this time was taken this year in addition to the months of March and April, for the study of design. As the pupils gain in power and execution at the end of the year from the result of their training, it finds expression in the water color drawings of plants and flowers which are so stimulating in their beauty in May and June, and the culmination of the year's work is thus attained.

The study of pictures and the lives of great artists has been pursued through the year with great interest and profit. Two artists have been assigned to each of the upper grades for special study: for the fourth grade, Landseer, Le Rolle; fifth grade, Rosa Bonheur, Reynolds; sixth grade, Millet, Boughton; seventh grade, Dupre, Hofmann; and for the eighth grade, Raphael, Corot.

The pupils of the two eighth grade classes in the Highland School at the beginning of the year, were presented by the Principal with one cent each as a nucleus of a fund which they were to increase by any convenient means, the sum at the end of the year to be devoted to schoolroom decoration. Enough money was earned by the pupils to purchase a fine large photograph for each room, "Sir Galahad," by Watts being placed in one room and "Spring," by Corot, in the other.

The proceeds of a collation at the Teachers' Institute held here in October, amounting to fifty-four dollars, have also been expended for the adornment of schoolrooms, each building receiving at least one picture or plaster cast.

ANNIE B. PARKER,

Supervisor of Drawing.

DECEMBER 31, 1900.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. M. A. Stone, Supt. of Schools, Reading, Mass.

The general work of music in the various grades has remained the same during the year past. We are constantly training the children in the elementary work of music. Singing and hearing intervals, training the eye to read notes and time, training the ear to regular recurring accents, or rythm, are all a part of our daily work, which can be best understood and appreciated by a visit to the school rooms.

Hand and hand with this we aim to cultivate in the children a lively appreciation of good music, by the singing of the best exercises and songs in one, two, three and four parts; and in doing this, we believe the general standard of the children's characters is raised. They get a moral stimulus from this singing which should be a great help to them, in their other school work and life in general.

The usual chorus of children from the Highland School Grammar grades sang at the Memorial Day exercises. This is the fourth successive year the children have sung for the G. A. R., and I am glad to have them take an active part in these patriotic exercises.

The work in the high school consists of chorus work once a week for forty-five minutes with the whole school.

At present we are preparing for a concert to be given in the

Old South Church on Feb. 1st. "The Village Blacksmith," a cantata written by Noyes, will be given with soloist, piano, organ and anvils.

The singing of the school at graduation was good.

In the preparation of this music, the pupils of the high school show a good, earnest spirit and it is always a pleasure to lead them.

I could wish that the music in our High School could amount to more than simply the chorus drill which we now have. A course in Harmony and Musical History could be given in a way to make it interesting and instructive, especially to a class who elect to take this study.

A chorus of children under the direction of Miss Barrows, principal of the Highland School, gave a Christmas operetta in the school hall on the Friday before Christmas. The afternoon performance was for the children of the school. In the evening an admission of 10 cents was charged to pay the expenses and the hall was filled. It speaks well for the children to say that they were asked to repeat it, which they did on January 4th, to another large audience. The music of this operetta was written by Mr. Chas. E. Boyd and is very bright and pretty.

The costumes and acting of the children were good and I heard many express their appreciation. All the credit should go to Miss Barrows, who with the help of Mrs. Bancroft made it possible to hear this delightful bit of music.

A chorus of boys and girls from the High School furnished the music at the reception given in Highland School hall on Friday, Dec. 7th. Owing to a previous engagement I could not attend, and Mr. Stone conducted the various numbers of the chorus.

For your hearty co-operation in my work, I wish to thank you, also the School Committee and your faithful corps of teachers.

F. W. ARCHIBALD,

Teacher of Music.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the Sup't of Schools.

The truant officers submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1900.

Number of absentees reported	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Left school to be employed	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Sickness	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Insufficiently clothed	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Cases of truancy	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Taken to school	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Respectfully submitted

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

J. HENRY ORR,

Truant Officers.

READING, JAN. 1ST, 1901.

JANITORS.

NAME.	SCHOOLS.	SALARY.
D. C. Sanborn,	High, Union St., John St.	\$470
Clement Gleason,	Highland	700
Timothy Cummings,	Prospect St.	120
Charles F. Bessom,	Lowell St.	50
O. H. Brown,	Chestnut Hill	80

GRADUATING EXERCISES

CLASS OF 1900

READING HIGH SCHOOL

Old South Church

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 20, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

PROGRAMME.

"NIL SINE LABORE."

PRAYER,

REV. W. W. WAKEMAN.

SINGING, Vocal March, V. E. Becker

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY,

The Heritage of American Youth of Today,

MARION ADDIE HOWES.

SOLO, A May Morning, L. Denza

ELVY JOSEPHINE HUNT.

ESSAY, The Colonial Maiden,

BERTHA MAY HARRIS.

SINGING, The Lord Is Great (Athalie), Mendelssohn

ORATION, The Spoils System

OSCAR ALFRED NICHOLS.

ESSAY, Education Out of School,

LOUISE MARION PRATT.

SINGING, A Unison Song, Bullard

ORATION, The Boer Patriot,

ERNEST TIMOTHY WAKEFIELD.

SINGING, Merry June (Duet), Vincent

VALEDICTORY ESSAY, Our Aspirations and Our Ideals,

ALMA NELLIE DAMON.

SINGING, Unfold, Ye Portals (Redemption), Gounod
 PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS,
 MR. W. S. PARKER.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Alma Nellie Damon	Marion Addie Howes
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LATIN-SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Bertha May Harris	Oscar Alfred Nichols
Mary Ellen Cullinane	Rebekah Louisa Bruorton
Alice Ethelyn Nichols	Martha Hodges Kittredge
Elsie Marion Tuttle	Grace Marion Stimpson
Ernest Timothy Wakefield	Jennie Hall Nichols
Ethelyn Abbott Smith	

ENGLISH COURSE.

Percival Parker	Ina Louise Eames
Ella Martin Gleason	Grace May McCrum
Elvy Josephine Hunt	Vera Emerson Scott
Herman Walter Hay	Louise Marion Pratt

INSTITUTE COURSE.

Clarence Elmore Carter	Edward Francis Parker, Jr.
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GRADUATES FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JUNE, 1900.

Abbott, Edwin H.
Badger, Zaida L.
Bolton, John
Bosson, J. Chapman
Brown, Rodney W.
Bryant, Josephine
Burgess, Pearl M.
Carter, Maude A.
Choate, Elizabeth A.
Connelly, Anna
Cook, Guy B.
Devaney, Margaret
Ellison, Edna
Fairchild, James W.
Frost, Marion
Frost, Charles E.
Gould, Goldie A.
Guild, Theodore A.
Haley, Harris B.
Hannaford, Sadie
Hewes, Blanche V.
Jewett, Harold B.
McIntire, M. Eleanor

Nason, Robert C.
Newell, Eva
Nichols, Inez B.
Nichols, Leonard G.
Oxley, Gertrude E.
Parker, G. Leslie
Parker, Raymond B.
Parker, Bertha M.
Parker, Moses
Preston, George C.
Ramsay, Flora
Ruggles, Helen
Russell, Florence
Sanborn, George H.
Sawyer, Carl
Shackford, Rutha
Tingley, Lena M.
Turner, Franklin
Turner, Mary
Torrey, Howard
Whitton, Edna
Whitchurch, Ruel
Wickens, Alice

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE
BOARD IN APRIL, 1900, AND OTHER
ITEMS OF INTEREST.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS.

Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	832
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	853

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS.

Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648

Length of school year 1899-1900 40 wks

Number of days lost from stormy days, etc. 8

Actual length of school year 9 mos. 12 d.

Number of different pupils enrolled for year ending June
22, 1900 1009

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months
of school year.

Year.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Special	Total
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14		907

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriations:

General, for teachers, janitors, and fuel,	\$18,500	00
Contingent, for incidental expenses,		
books, and supplies	3,500	00
Manual training	500	00
Sundry receipts	25	51
For superintendent of schools	1,000	00
Total receipts		\$23,525 51
Paid for teachers, janitors, and fuel	18,073	19
Paid incidental expenses	2,798	13
Paid for books and supplies	1,299	60
Paid superintendent of schools	987	50
Transportation	453	20
Truant officer	20	00
Rent for Main street school	5	00
Total expenses		\$23,636 62
Overdraft		111 11
General appropriation		\$18,500 00
Paid teachers	\$14,962	50
Paid janitors	1,463	03
Paid fuel	1,642	66
Paid transportation	453	20
Care of Haverhill street building	5	00
Rent on Main street building	5	00
Truant officer	20	00
		\$18,551 39

Overdraft	51 39
Appropriation for incidental expenses and supplies	\$3,500 00
Manual Training plant	500 00
Sundry receipts	25 51
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	\$4,025 51
Paid incidental expenses	\$2,798 13
“ books and supplies	1,299 60
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	\$4,097 73
Overdraft	72 22
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Total overdraft	123 61
Deduct balance on salary Supt.	12 50
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	\$111 11
Salary of Superintendent of Schools.	
balance	\$12 50

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

PAID TEACHERS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

F. E. Whittemore	\$1,720 00
Christine M. Scott	800 00
Sarah T. Kurt	750 00
Mary A. Whitney	693 30
Maud A. Bonner	360 00
Clara D. Merriman	260 00
Jennie F. Currier	160 00
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	\$4,743 30

JOHN STREET SCHOOL.

Lillian A. Tibbetts	\$460 00
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LOWELL STREET SCHOOL.

Carrie M. Evans	450 00
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MAIN STREET SCHOOL (6 mos.)

Alice M. Day	\$210 00
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SUBSTITUTES.

Ethel Stratton, for services in March .	\$9 00	
Effie F. Heath, " " " Oct., '99 .	5 64	
Marion Pratt, " " " April .	16 88	
Florence Parker for services in March and June	18 25	
Adelia J. Webber, for services in May .	16 70	
Ethel A. L. Sills, " " " Nov. .	2 63	
Margaret Hearn, " " " Dec. .	3 00	
Mrs. Abbie Granger, for services in Dec.	17 82	
		<hr/> \$89 92
		<hr/> \$14,962 50

PAID JANITORS.

Clement Gleason	\$700 03
D. C. Sanborn	464 00
Timothy Cummings	120 00
O. H. Brown	80 00
Chas. F. Bessom	75 00
Samuel E. Killam (6 mos.)	24 00

Amount carried forward

\$1,463 03

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,463 03
Rent of Main street building . . .	\$5 00	
Care of Haverhill street building . . .	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00

PAID FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Borthwick Brothers	\$337 00	
Lawrence & Reading St. Ry. Co. . . .	92 20	
Ethel Pratt	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$453 20

PAID FOR FUEL.

C. L. Martin	\$416 20	
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	1,147 58	
W. A. Allen	25 00	
H. W. Batchelder	16 75	
W. O. Dockendorff	28 38	
Chas. F. Bessom	5 00	
Timothy Cummings	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,642 66

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Knight & Thomas	\$162 00	
Chandler Adj. Fur. Co	189 35	
H. C. Diamond & Co.	8 97	
Fife Bros., Carter & Co.	48 35	
Geo. S. Perry & Co.	64 05	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	48 94	
N. W. Broad	2 02	
Chandler & Barber	150 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$673 68	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$673 68
Peoples' Gas & Electric Light Co.	11 75
Reading Water Works	170 70
Lewis M. Bancroft	84 30
Geo. H. Atkinson	8 40
H. R. Johnson	532 41
R. A. White	3 50
E. H. Forbes	42 88
S. Brown	1 00
Electric Light & Power Dept.	18 55
R. L. Beers	6 30
Typewriters Exchange	125 00
S. E. Parker	40 00
M. S. Quinlan	80 77
Murphy, Leavens & Co.	16 80
Wendell Bancroft	44 14
H. M. Parker	3 00
Cummings Express	38 62
Timothy Cummings	3 00
M. F. Charles	3 65
M. E. Nichols	99 38
Clement Gleason	12 15
Melville A. Stone	41 83
J. W. Gleason	13 00
J. L. Hammett Co.	4 37
Congregational Society	8 00
D. C. Sanborn	3 00
J. Stocks	33 00
P. H. Meehan	65 50
C. H. Russell	106 50
Old South M. E. Church	20 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,315 18

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,315 18
W. F. Cook	31 72
Henry F. Miller & Sons Piano Co.	10 00
Copeland & Bowser	3 12
H. C. Kendall	5 75
R. P. Burgess	30 00
American Express	7 90
Francis Bros.	394 46
	<hr/> \$2,798 13

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Longmans, Green & Co.	\$12 28
F. L. Goldsmith	13 37
Silver, Burdett & Co.	23 56
Suffolk Ink Co.	3 50
Cong. S. S. Pub. Society	4 00
Education Pub. Co.	11 46
Boston School Supply Co.	100 11
Pulsifer, Cook & Co.	1 10
American Book Co.	14 00
Oliver Ditson & Co.	11 04
Boston Music Co.	4 50
J. L. Hammett Co.	79 91
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	89 65
Ginn & Co.	308 64
The MacMillan Co.	27 71
E. E. Babb & Co.	213 95
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	14 00
Annie B. Parker	1 32
W. H. Willis	3 45
Sarah T. Kurt	2 06
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$939 63

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$939 61
Werner School Book Co.	101 52
The Morse Co.	11 10
D. C. Heath & Co.	12 23
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	15 18
Dennison Manufacturing Co.	3 95
Geo. B. Holden	1 10
Fred G. Barker	12 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	14 88
The Arnold-Roberts Co.	2 80
Atkinson & Mentzer	6 33
Allyn & Bacon	51 50
Ideal Busy-Work Co.	2 09
Kasson & Palmer	4 00
Murphy, Leavens & Co.	13 63
Rockwell & Churchill	3 20
F. J. Barnard & Co.	51 87
Eagle Pencil Co.	21 20
Typewriter Exchange	11 20
G. H. Atkinson	3 46
Perry Mason & Co.	16 75
	<hr/> \$1,299 60

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Proceeds of dog tax, 1899	349 20

EXPENDED.

Rent.

Odd Fellows' Building Association . .	\$475 00
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Light.

S. S. Bell, electric service	37 41
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Salaries.

L. S. Cox, librarian . . .	\$300 00
Jessie Grouard, assistant . . .	28 25
B. Y. Smith, janitor . . .	50 00
	\$378 25

Books.

C. E. Lauriat Company . . .	\$153 73
Hazard Stevens . . .	5 00
H. M. Meek Pub. Co. . .	2 00
Desmond Pub. Co. . .	20 00
A. W. Danforth, periodicals . .	33 55
H. G. Wadlin, cash expended . .	21 72
	\$236 00

Sundries

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	\$75 75
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$75 75	\$1,126 66	\$1,349 20
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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$75 75	\$1,126 66	\$1,349 20
F. J. Barnard, book binding	41 79		
Insurance	60 00		
	<hr/>	\$177 54	
		\$1,304 20	
Unexpended		45 00	
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		\$1,349 20	\$1,349 20

FINE ACCOUNT.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1900	\$87 79	
Received for catalogues	6 55	
Received for cards	4 60	
Received for fines	47 92	
	<hr/>	\$146 86
Paid for expressage	\$3 45	
Paid for cleaning	4 00	
Paid for incidental supplies	2 88	
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		\$136 53

The following volumes have been presented to the library:

NAMES OF DONORS.	NUMBER OF VOLUMES.
United States, Documents and Reports	8
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	10
Others	8
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	26
Number of new volumes added	225
Total number in library	8,840
Circulation, year ending Dec. 31, 1900	15,506
Largest single month, March	1,885
Smallest, July	1,040

During the year the new supplementary catalogue has been printed. The trustees have purchased a card catalogue cabinet, not yet delivered, and as stated in our last report the writing of the cards without expense to the library will be at once begun, covering at first the departments of history and biography.

Provision has also been made for issuing from time to time brief bulletins covering certain important books in the library, with short notes as to their contents. It is hoped that in this way attention may be attracted to some of the standard works, especially those relating to subjects of current interest, and thus extend the usefulness of the library.

It is also proposed to place in the library at an early date a "patrons' letter box" in which communications upon the following subjects may be placed: 1. Inquiries as to what books the library contains on any special subject. 2. Requests for advice as to a course of reading on any special subject. 3. Requests for books which it is desired to have added to the library. Answers to these communications will be posted on the bulletin board in the library as soon as possible, usually (in cases when extended investigation is not required), during the week following the deposit of the inquiry. This is to be tried as an experiment, and its continuance will depend upon the ascertained results.

In order that the subjects covered by the latest purchases may be seen, classified under the different branches, we may say that of 644 volumes added to the library, comprising the accessions of nearly three years, up to the date of the publication of the catalogue supplement issued in the summer, 243 were fiction; 39, juveniles; 68, literary miscellany, including works on religion, art, essays, etc.; 4, agriculture and horticulture; 50, American biography; 12, foreign biography; 24, science; 30, travel; 92, history; 12, poetry; 23 magazines and periodicals; 47, public documents, official reports, etc. Although fiction, as in most libraries, forms a large propor-

tion of the circulation, it will be seen that it has formed but about 38 per cent of the accessions. The percentage of money expended for fiction as compared with other branches is even less. The Trustees have endeavored to meet the demands of all classes of readers, exercising in each department a somewhat rigid rule of selection. There are those who would exclude books of the modern romantic school, and others who would purchase no fiction except, possibly, the works of Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, George Eliot, or other standard works. Manifestly opinions vary, and the merely personal judgment of individual readers, or of the Trustees themselves, as to the merits of any particular book, is hardly a sufficient guide to its selection or rejection. Works by authors of recognized standing, not unclean or merely sensational or trivial, are not excluded. While not neglecting any department, as the figures we have cited sufficiently prove, the Trustees have always purchased representative works of current publication, which are everywhere being read and which are in demand by the patrons of the library. It is very probable that some of these will not obtain permanent standing as literature. Nevertheless they are products of our time and cannot be entirely neglected.

The question of attracting to the library readers who would not otherwise use it has some bearing in this connection. The reader who begins with books of a certain type does not always stop there. As recently stated in the report of one of our great public libraries, it makes very little difference whether or not a reader who desires it can obtain from the library "Richard Carvel" or any of the books that are being widely read and discussed in the magazines or daily papers, some of which are, judged by strict standards, of low rank as literature. But it makes a very great difference indeed, whether or not such a reader is attracted to the library or repelled.

An inspection of the bulletins of recent accessions will show

that very few novels of the merely weak, sensational, or commonplace class have been purchased in late years. The Trustees have not knowingly purchased others to which exception can justly be taken upon moral grounds. Occasionally complaint reaches us as to some book of the last named kind, and in every such case the volume is retired from active circulation if the point is found to be well taken. The Trustees have always preferred to err upon the side of extreme care in this direction, although they have thereby excluded works by authors of the highest standing and of international reputation. In a library supported at the public expense they do not wish to offend the moral sensibilities of any citizen.

In the financial statement it will appear that the sum of \$45 remains unexpended from the appropriation. There is, however, an outstanding bill of that amount in connection with the proposed card catalogue which could not be paid before January 1st, when the account was closed. As it will have to be met in due season the Trustees recommend its reappropriation, and they also recommend that the sum of \$1,000 and the proceeds of the dog tax be appropriated for the support of the library during the coming year, this being the same appropriation as made in 1900.

Two vacancies occur in the board, to be filled at the annual town meeting, the terms of Horace G. Wadlin and J. Woodward Manning expiring.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. WADLIN, *Chairman*,
 F. E. WHITTEMORE,
 HARLEY PRENTISS,
 HENRY G. KITTREDGE,
 J. WOODWARD MANNING,
 CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*,

Trustees.

READING, January, 1901.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

I would recommend that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for the purchase of trees to take the place of some that have died and also for the general beautification of the town.

It seems to me that the Reading Womans Club merits appreciation for their action in purchasing and presenting trees to the Town; and they did not let the matter rest there, for they even paid the expense of planting them.

I have been in communication with Supt. Lane of the Lynn & Boston St. Ry. regarding the protection of the trees from the feed wires of the electric roads and he shows a disposition to co-operate with me all in his power, and I think in another season remedies may be looked for in this particular.

WILLARD A. BANCROFT,

Tree Warden.

Geo. Leach, labor	\$7 78
W. E. Johnson, labor	1 50
Peter White, "	3 50
Simon Clements, "	1 75
W. K. Pratt, "	5 06
E. L. Chamberlain, team	3 00
S. W. Bowker, team	75
Frank Danforth, paint	50
Filing saws	1 60
W. A. Bancroft, labor, man and team	76 30

\$101 94

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

	P'ATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROP'ATION	EXPENDED	UNEX- PENDED	OVER- DRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$2,300 00	.....	\$2,300 00	\$3,549 65	.....	\$949 65
Town Building and Office.....	250 00	.....	250 00	386 97	.....	136 97
Election Expenses.....	200 00	.....	200 00	180 88	\$19 12	.....
Printing.....	500 00	.....	500 00	480 12	19 88	.....
Estate of Eliza C. Swan.....	.....	.....	.....	134 73	.....	134 73
Willard Welsh vs. Town of Reading.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	.....	45 00
Ipswich Mills vs. Town of Reading.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	300 00
Margaret Allen vs. Town of Reading.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00	.....	130 00
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves.....	175 00	.....	175 00	175 00	.....	.....
Bandstand.....	500 00	.....	500 00	510 05	.....	10 05
Municipal Light and Power Plant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maintenance.....	4,500 00	.....	4,500 00	4,500 00	.....	.....
Construction.....	1,500 00	.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	.....
Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	2,276 50	.....	2,276 50	2,276 50	.....	.....
Arc Lamps.....	165 00	.....	165 00	165 00	.....	.....
Bancroft Avenue and Mineral Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reduction of Debt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Note, issue of May 1, 1896.....	1,400 00	.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	.....
Bond No. 6, issue 1894.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
School House Note, issue May 1, 1896.....	2,000 00	.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....
School House Bonds, issue Aug. 1, 1895.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
Interest on School House Notes.....	520 00	.....	520 00	470 00	50 00	.....
Interest on School House Bonds.....	1,520 00	.....	1,540 00	1,460 00	80 00	.....
Reading Water Works.....	.....	\$20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interest in Water Loan.....	2,470 00	.....	2,470 00	2,470 00	.....	.....
Hydrant Rentals.....	3,930 00	.....	3,930 00	3,930 00	.....	.....
Drinking Fountains.....	300 00	.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....
Reduction of Water Loan.....	7,000 00	.....	7,000 00	7,000 00	.....	.....
State and Military Aid.....	2,300 00	.....	2,300 00	2,300 00	.....	.....
Soldiers' Relief.....	800 00	.....	800 00	1,440 25	.....	640 25
Soldiers' Relief Account, No. Reading.....	.....	.....	.....	35 30	.....	35 30
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	800 00	24 76	824 76	850 14	.....	25 38
Care and Improvement of Common and Parks.....	150 00	.....	150 00	144 19	5 81	.....

Valuation Reports.....	300 00	.....	300 00	289 35	10 65	.....
Abatement of Taxes.....	400 00	.....	400 00	398 91	1 09	.....
Interest.....	200 00	1,528 36	1,728 36	2,491 19	.....	762 83
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks...	5,500 00	561 35	6,061 35	6,061 35	.....	.....
Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters	500 00	.....	500 00	437 93	62 07	.....
Repairs of Concrete.....	500 00	112 20	412 20	412 20	.....	.....
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (abutters to pay one-half).....	400 00	233 65	633 65	406 35	167 30	.....
Concrete Sidewalk and Edgestones, Middlesex Avenue.....	.....	622 58	622 58	622 58	.....	.....
Howard Place (now Haven Street).....	300 00	200 00	500 00	500 00	.....	.....
Haven Street, Paving.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	842 12	157 88	.....
Grand Street Extension to Lowell Street.....	300 00	.....	300 00	302 08	.....	2 08
Drain across land of Galeu A. and Milton D. Parker.....	200 00	.....	200 00	259 58	.....	59 58
Street Sprinkler.....	300 00	.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....
Sprinkling Streets.....	400 00	1 00	401 00	349 00	52 00	.....
Removal of Snow and Ice.....	600 00	.....	600 00	278 57	321 43	.....
Fire Department.....	3,200 00	.....	3,200 00	3,259 35	.....	59 35
Forest Fires.....	150 00	.....	150 00	321 82	.....	171 82
Repairs to Steam Fire Engine.....	1,700 00	.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....	.....
New Fire Hose.....	250 00	.....	250 00	248 62	1 38	.....
Police Department.....	2,600 00	136 65	2,736 65	2,419 01	317 64	.....
Board of Health.....	450 00	.....	450 00	598 29	.....	148 29
Laurel Hill Cemetery.....	900 00	355 00	1,255 00	1,252 37	2 63	.....
Overseers of the Poor Account.....	4,000 00	1,492 89	5,492 89	5,517 91	.....	25 02
Alms-houses, Additions and Repairs	.....	961 00	961 00	972 70	.....	11 70
City of Waltham.....	.....	.....	.....	106 00	.....	106 00
Town of Swampscott.....	.....	.....	.....	15 82	.....	15 82
Town of Wakefield.....	.....	56 35	56 35	56 35	.....	.....
Town of North Reading.....	.....	66 95	66 95	69 20	.....	2 25
City of Malden.....	.....	.....	.....	79 55	.....	79 55
City of Fall River.....	.....	19 15	19 15	19 15	.....	.....
City of Melrose.....	.....	.....	.....	7 15	.....	7 15
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	.....	98 40	.....	98 40
Committee on Sewerage.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....
Schools.....	18,500 00	25 51	18,525 51	18,551 39	.....	25 88
School Incidentals and Manual Training.....	4,000 00	5 25	4,005 25	4,097 73	.....	92 48
Superintendent of Schools.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	987 50	12 50	.....
Public Library.....	1,000 00	349 20	1,349 20	1,304 20	45 00	.....
Total.....	\$88,006 50	\$6,771 85	\$94,778 35	\$96,118 80	\$2,326 38	\$3,666 83

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS (Continued.)

Overdrawn.....	\$3,666 83	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unexpended.....	2,326 38	.....	.....	\$1,340 45	.....
Expenses for the Year 1900.....		.....	.....	36,118 80	.....
Aid Temporary Loans.....		.....	.....	75,000 00	.....
Total Selectmen's Orders.....		.....	.....	171,118 80	.....
Expenses above.....		.....	.....	<u>36,118 80</u>	.....
Less, Following Amounts Due on Account of Year 1900:		.....	.....		.....
State and Military Aid.....	2,455 00	.....	.....		.....
Estate Eliza C. Swan.....	38 04	.....	.....		.....
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	98 40	.....	.....		.....
City of Waltham.....	106 00	.....	.....		.....
City of Malden.....	79 55	.....	.....		.....
City of Melrose.....	7 15	.....	.....		.....
Town of North Reading.....	95 55	.....	.....		.....
Town of Swampscott.....	15 82	.....	.....	2,895 51	.....
Net Expenses.....		.....	.....	93,223 29	.....
Less Sundry Credits for the Year 1900 as above.....		.....	.....	6,771 85	.....
Amount Raised by Taxation and Appropriations from Available Assets.....		.....	.....	<u>\$86,451 44</u>	.....

To cash in Treasury January 1st, 1900	\$5,100 77
To cash rec'd from State Treasurer,	
Corporation Tax, 1899.....	422 77
National Bank Tax, 1899.....	66 46
Corporation Tax, 1900.....	2,989 66
National Bank Tax, 1900.....	754 68
Military Aid, Chap. 78 Acts 1894.....	96 00
State Aid, Chap. 301 Acts 1894.....	2,174 00
" " 500 " 1898	12 00
Burial of Indigent Soldiers.....	70 00
Support of State Paupers.....	13 45
Street Rail Road Tax	1,012 28
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1899.....	349 20
Hired Money, temporary loans	8,000 00
Supt. of Schools, material sold	4 80
Selectmen, edgestone and concrete account.....	281 41
License Fees from Selectmen.....	16 00
Cash Paid Treasurer on orders drawn.....	520 15
Fourth Dist. Court, fines.....	89 00
County Treasurer fines and expenses.....	41 00
First National Bank, interest on deposits.....	151 10
Supt. of Cemetery, lots sold.....	355 00
Overseers of the Poor, Almshouse account.....	893 12
" " insurance	961 05
Town of North Reading, outside poor.....	90 95
" " Wakefield, " ".....	56 35
" " " school account	51 00
" " Wilmington, police services.....	3 90
City of Waltham, outside poor	24 00
" Melrose " ".....	2 00
" Fall River, " ".....	21 15
Mary W. Pratt, cemetery bequest	50 00
Climena Wakefield, " ".....	100 00
Rodney M. Bancroft and estate Louise M. Eaton, cemetery bequest	100 00
Maria E. Waitt, cemetery bequest	100 49
School Committee, tuition	25 00
" " bill paid twice and returned	5 25
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.....	2 75
James A. Bancroft, Collector of Taxes, 1872.....	3 88
Frank Parker, Sealer, services.....	4 88
Rest of Swan Place	24 23
Harley Prentiss, Collector of Taxes, 1898.....	8,729 77
Herbert M. Viall, " " 1899.....	15,675 00
" " " 1900.....	57,150 00
	\$178,594 35

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING. CR.

By paying County Treasurer, County Tax.....	\$4,068 35
" " State " State Tax.....	2,280 00
" " " " National Bank Tax.....	304 02
" " Selectmen's orders.....	171,118 80
" " Cash in Treasury Jan. 1, 1901.....	823 21
	<hr/> \$178,594 38

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT

To cash in Treasury January 1, 1900	\$1,233 18
“ received from Water Commissioners	16,416 82
“ “ “ First National Bank, interest	57 25
“ “ “ bonds sold.....	10,000 00
“ “ “ premiums on bonds sold.....	1,439 00
“ “ “ interest accrued on bonds sold.....	16 44
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	\$29,162 69

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, IN ACCOUNT WITH READ-

To cash in Treasury Jan. 1, 1900.	\$13 04
“ received from Electric Light Commissioners.....	15,668 14
“ “ “ First National Bank, interest on deposits.....	65
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	\$15,681 83

WITH THE TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY. Cr.

By paying Water Commissioners' orders	\$29,113 76
By cash in Treasury	48 93
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	\$29,162 69

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

ING ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER PLANT. Cr.

By paying Electric Light Commissioners' orders.....	\$15,646 48
By cash in Treasury	35 35
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	\$15,681 83

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

LIABILITIES.

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1901	\$219,000 00
Interest accrued on water bonds	730 00
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1901	58,900 00
Interest accrued on electric light bonds	569 17
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1901	48,000 00
Interest accrued on school bonds	686 29
Due to Fire Department (estimated)	1,000 00
Miscellaneous debts	610 50
Temporary loans	43,000 00
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	\$372,495 96

TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	\$100 00
“ Thomas Sweetser	100 00
“ Sabrina Nichols	100 00
“ Martha Pike	25 00
“ Sarah Batchelder	25 00
“ Geo. L. Smith	200 00
“ Susan A. Martin	100 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$650 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$650 00
Bequest of T. T. Greenwood	500 00
" Mark M. Temple	100 00
" Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman	75 00
" Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson	100 00
" Savina Coggin	100 00
" Margaret Towne	100 00
" Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias Boardman	150 00
" Mrs. Sarah Smith	100 00
" Gilman D. Kingman	100 00
" Rosamond C. Pratt	100 00
" Mary F. Harnden	100 00
" Mary B. Wakefield	100 00
" P. Jane Batchelder	100 00
" Arthur D. Kingman	50 00
" Estate of P. A. Corkins	100 00
" Dorinda R. Pratt	200 00
" Mary Ann McAllister	100 00
" Gilman A. Coggin	100 00
" Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph Bryant	50 00
" Miss Mary Evans	50 00
" Frederick Bancroft	33 50
" Estate Samuel Pierce	100 00
" D. W. Berry, executor	100 00
" William L. Crowe	100 00
" Maria Carter	100 00
" George C. Coney	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$3,558 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$3,558 50	
Bequest of Heirs of Sherman Case	.	75 00	
“ Estate Isaac M. Clark	.	100 00	
“ “ of Mary Butler	.	150 00	
“ “ Mary E. Badger	.	100 00	
“ “ Heil J. Nelson	.	200 00	
“ “ John Burrill	.	100 00	
“ “ F. O. Dewey	.	300 00	
“ “ S. H. Dinsmore	.	100 00	
“ Mrs. Mary J. Kimball	.	50 00	
“ Alden Batchelder	.	100 00	
“ Estate Chas. A. Weston	.	100 00	
“ Henry F. Parker	.	100 00	
“ Sarah D. Eaton	.	100 00	
“ heirs of James H. Bancroft	.	75 00	
“ Mary W. Pratt	.	50 00	
“ Miss Climena Wakefield	.	100 00	
“ Rodney N. Bancroft and estate of Louisa M. Eaton	.	100 00	
Interest accrued on the above funds not yet expended	.	223 69	5,682 19
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			\$378,178 15

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1898	.	\$1,303 37
Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1899	.	11,051 91
Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1900	.	29,483 99
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes	.	1,205 92
Due from State Aid account	.	2,376 00
“ “ Military Aid account	.	79 00
“ “ estate of Eliza C. Swan	.	64 83
		<hr/>
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$45,565 02

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$45,565 02
Due from Guardian of Charles W. Kelly	475 37
“ “ Commonwealth of Mass.	25 93
“ “ Town of North Reading	95 50
“ “ Town of Swampscott	15 82
“ “ City of Waltham	106 00
“ “ City of Malden	79 55
“ “ City of Melrose	7 15
“ “ Hospital account	85 44
“ “ Concreting account	459 03
Cash in treasury	714 28
“ “ “ Mass. School Fund	108 93
“ “ “ water supply	48 93
“ “ “ electric light	35 35
	<hr/> \$47,822 30
Available assets in excess of liabilities, un- collected taxes and accounts due	\$46,914 81
Cash in treasury	714 28
	<hr/> \$47,629 09
Bills payable	\$1,610 50
Interest on school bonds	686 29
Interest on bequests	223 69
Temporary loans	43,000 00
	<hr/> \$45,520 48
	<hr/> \$2,108 61

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners, and Electric Light Commissioners, and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer, and found them correct.

EDGAR N. HUNT, .
ALBERT P. DANE,
WALTER M. SCOTT,

Auditors.

BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING.

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
March 9, 1901	\$5,000 00		
May 1, 1901	2,000 00	\$1,400 00	
June 1, 1901			\$7,000 00
July 15, 1901		1,000 00	
Aug. 1, 1901	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1901		1,000 00	
May 1, 1902		1,400 00	
June 1, 1902			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1902	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1902		1,000 00	
Nov. 27, 1902		2,500 00	
May 1, 1903		1,400 00	
June 1, 1903			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1903	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1903		1,000 00	
Nov. 27, 1903		1,000 00	
May 1, 1904	2,000 00	1,400 00	
June 1, 1904			7,000 00
July 15, 1904		2,000 00	
Aug. 1, 1904	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1904		1,000 00	
May 1, 1905		1,400 00	
May 10, 1905	2,000 00		
June 1, 1905			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1905	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1905		2,000 00	
May 1, 1906		1,400 00	
June 1, 1906			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1906	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1906		2,000 00	
June 1, 1907			7,000 00

22 900.00

3 500

19 400.00

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
Aug. 1, 1907	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1907		2,000 00	
June 1, 1908			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1908	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1908		2,000 00	
June 1, 1909			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1909	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1909		2,000 00	
June 1, 1910			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1910	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1910		2,000 00	
June 1, 1911			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1911	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1911		2,000 00	
June 1, 1912			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1912	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1912		2,000 00	
June 1, 1913			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1913	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1913		2,000 00	
June 1, 1914			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1914	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1914		2,000 00	
June 1, 1915			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1915	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1915		2,000 00	
June 1, 1916			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1916		2,000 00	
June 1, 1917			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1917		2,000 00	
June 1, 1918			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1918		2,000 00	

24,500.00

SCHOOL		ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
June	1, 1919		12,000 00
Oct.	1, 1919	2,000 00	
June	1, 1920		12,000 00
Oct.	1, 1920	2,000 00	
June	1, 1921		12,000 00
Oct.	1, 1921	2,000 00	
June	1, 1922		12,000 00
Oct.	1, 1922	2,000 00	
June	1, 1923		10,000 00
Oct.	1, 1923	2,000 00	
June	1, 1924		10,000 00
Oct.	1, 1924	2,000 00	
June	1, 1925		10,000 00

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1900.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD JAN. 30, 1900.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to consider the matter of a system of Sewers and the advisability of uniting with the Town of Wakefield in entering the Metropolitan Sewer System, and what instructions they will give such committee or what action they will take in reference thereto.

Voted. That a committee be appointed by nomination by the Chair to consist of five members. The Chair nominated Lewis M. Bancroft, Chas. F. Brown, Horace G. Wadlin, E. Harley Gowing, Henry R. Johnson as said committee.

Voted. That the committee be instructed to investigate the whole subject of the various methods of disposing of the sewage of the Town; the possibility and desirability of connecting with the Metropolitan sewer system or uniting with any other Town in building and maintaining a sewer system, the relative expense, both of construction and maintaining sewer systems under the various plans that may be suggested. To keep informed of legislative action that may be proposed whereby this Town may be affected, and be instructed to report as soon as they may be able, in whole or in part, the results of their investigations, with any recommendations they may think best to make.

Voted. To adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 5, 1900.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. George L. Flint was chosen Moderator. Ephraim Wight and Horace A. Parker were appointed by the Clerk to distribute License ballots.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Sewerage Committee, Committee on Appropriations, and Committee on Amendment to By-Laws.

REPORT OF SEWER COMMITTEE.

Since our appointment the Town of Wakefield has applied to the Legislature for permission to enter the Metropolitan Sewer System, and at the time of writing a bill granting the desired authority has been introduced and without opposition has been passed to be engrossed in the House of Representatives. We have scrutinized this bill carefully and investigated the matter as well as we were able, and finding that Reading's interests have been considered in everything that has been done, made of course no attempt to oppose this move on the part of Wakefield. The results of our investigations so far have been to strongly impress upon us the necessity of studying the whole matter in a thorough and comprehensive manner and examining the question from every possible point of view, in fact, carrying out literally the broad instructions given us by the Town. Our Town is so situated that it can avail itself of several different methods of sewage disposal, and it is our belief that every one of these should be carefully and impartially considered before a decision is reached. To do this it is necessary to have at hand such data as can only be

obtained by means of careful surveys, and we also need the advice of engineers experienced in this special line of work. We have conferred in an informal manner with several of such engineers and our desire now is to have such surveys made and reports and estimates prepared by a suitable engineer as will enable us to lay before the Town at the proper time a report which will show the merits and demerits of the several methods of sewage disposal of which Reading is in a position to avail herself, and the first cost and cost of maintenance of each. The appropriation asked for is to defray the expense of such surveys and estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Chairman*,
CHAS. F. BROWN,
HORACE G. WADLIN,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,
E. H. GOWING.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PROCURE THE APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

Reading, March 1, 1900.

Jas. Reid, Esq., Town Clerk,

Dear Sir:—I have procured the approval of the Superior Court of the By-Law passed by the Town at the Meeting held Nov. 7, 1899, and which you transmitted to me with the vote of the Town. I return herewith a certified copy attested by Clerk of Courts.

Respectfully yours,

SOLON BANCROFT.

Commonwealth of Mass., Middlesex ss. At the Superior Court within or for the County of Middlesex, A. D. 1900.

The following By-Law of the Town of Reading in said County is presented to this Court for approval, to-wit. The sealer of Weights and Measures shall be paid by a salary to be fixed by the

Selectmen at the time they make the appointment and he shall account for and pay into the Treasury of the Town the fees received by him by virtue of his office. Which said By-Law being seen and understood by the Court is on this 28th day of February, A. D. 1900, approved. In testimony whereof the foregoing is a true copy of record, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court this 28th day of February, A. D. 1900.

(Signed) RALPH N. SMITH,

Assistant Clerk of Court.

ACTION IN REGARD TO SALARIES UNDER REPORT OF APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

Voted. That the salary of the Electric Light Commissioners and Water Commissioners be \$225 for each board of three.

Voted. That three of the board of Registrars of Voters receive \$30 each.

Voted. That so much of the report as refers to the salary of Inspector of Plumbing be referred to Board of Health.

Voted. That such part of the report as refers to the salary of Inspectors of Animals and Provisions be referred to the Board of Selectmen. Voted. That the compensation of the Moderator be \$10 for each annual meeting and \$5 for each special meeting.

Voted. That the report of Appropriation Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Voted. To accept reports under Article 2 not already disposed of.

Art. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of the Public

Library for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, one member of Board of Health for three years, Tree Warden for one year, three Auditors; also on separate ballot, two members of the School Committee for three years; also on separate ballot, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

Voted. That the polls be closed at 5.30 p. m.

Voted. That the Town business be taken up at 2.30 p. m.

The following Town Officers were chosen: Polls closed at 5.30 p. m. Whole number of ballots cast; males, 747; females, 15, and were for the following persons:

TOWN CLERK.

James Reid	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	741
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

SELECTMEN.

Wm. I. Ruggles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	715
Oliver L. Akerley	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	707
Geo. A. Shackford	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	692
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Wm. I. Ruggles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	730
Oliver L. Akerley	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	721
Geo. A. Shackford	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	719
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS.

Wm. Wallace Davis	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	733
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

TREASURER.

Edw. F. Parker	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	725
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Herbert M. Viall	731
Scattering	3

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS.

Calvert H. Playdon	749
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CONSTABLES.

Henry Stock	723
Frederic D. Merrill	692
Scattering	4

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS.

Edward B. Drake	424
James Warren Killam	318

MEMBER MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS.

Wm. S. Kinsley	424
Frank E. Crafts	315

TWO TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY FOR THREE YEARS.

Henry A. Wright	741
Alfred W. Danforth	737

TWO TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS.

Henry G. Kittredge	740
Harley Prentiss	735

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

Ellen M. Bancroft	367
Gilman L. Parker	362

AUDITORS.

Albert P. Dane	739
Edgar N. Hunt	737
Walter M. Scott	735
Scattering	4

TREE WARDEN.

Willard A. Bancroft	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	737
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

LICENSE.

Yes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
No	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	472

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to appoint measurers of wood and bark.

Voted. That the Selectmen serve as Fence Viewers.

Voted. That Asa Parker, Willard A. Bancroft and John Stock serve as field drivers the ensuing year.

Voted. That Henry Stock be pound keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted. That James A. Bancroft, Wendell Bancroft, Ora L. Milbury, Samuel Brown, J. Warren Killam and Arthur G. Bancroft be Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year.

Voted. That the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes so far as possible on or before Oct. 1 and upon all taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at 5 per cent. from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid Jan. 1 forthwith by process of law unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment.

Voted. That in the preparation of the report of miscellaneous expenses, expenses for forest fires and upon streets the Selectmen are hereby instructed to condense the presentation so as to show in the place of individual payments for labor and for labor and teams the lump sums expended for each of said purposes respectively. And they are hereby instructed to print in the annual report here-

after the Town Clerk's record of Town Meetings held during the year.

Voted. That the Selectmen be instructed to enforce Section 4 of Art. 9 of the By-Laws.

Voted. That the Board of Water Commissioners be instructed and endeavor to remedy the evil of the water gates obstructing travel on the sidewalks by being above the level thereof.

Voted. That the engineer of the Fire Department be instructed to carry out their suggestions in their report in regard to replacing the reel at Hill End with a wagon and putting the reel in that part of the Town called Elmdale, where it will be kept without expense to the Town.

Voted. To instruct the Trustees of the Cemetery to place suitable signs at the several avenues and paths in the Cemetery, as is done by all our neighboring Towns.

Art. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for schools, incidental school expenses, superintendent of schools, repairs of highways, bridges and sidewalks, removing snow and ice, concrete sidewalks and edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, hydrant rentals, Forest Fire Wards, support of the poor, salaries of Town Officers, State and Military aid, Soldiers' Relief, printing, abatement of taxes, town building, cemetery, public library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, care of Old South clock, interest account, interest on water loans, maintenance of the Water Works, service pipes, water rental for drinking fountains, care and improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, election expenses, concrete gutters, crosswalks and paved gutters, repairs of concrete, for committee on sewerage, and miscellaneous expenses.

Voted. To raise and appropriate for schools	\$18,500 00
To raise and appropriate for incidental school expenses	350 00

To raise and appropriate for Superintendent of Schools	1,000 00
" " for manual training in schools	500 00
" " for repairs of highways, bridges and sidewalks	5,500 00
To appropriate from available assets and receipts, for removing snow and ice	600 00
To raise and appropriate (provided abutters pay one- half), for concrete sidewalks and edgestones	400 00
To raise and appropriate for Fire Department	3,200 00
" " for hydrant rentals	3,930 00
" " for Forest Fire Wards	150 00
" " for support of poor	4,000 00
" " for salaries of Town Officers	3,300 00
" " for State and Military Aid	2,300 00
" " for Soldiers' Relief	800 00
" " for printing	500 00
" " for abatement of taxes	400 00
" " for Town Building expenses and Town Office	250 00
To raise and appropriate for Cemetery, and receipts from sale of lots be appropriated,	900 00
To raise and appropriate for Public Library, and ap- propriate dog tax	1,000 00
To raise and appropriate for Memorial Day to be ex- pended by Veteran Post 194, G. A. R. All sol- diers' graves to be decorated	175 00
To raise and appropriate for Board of Health	450 00
To appropriate from miscellaneous expenses for care of the Old South clock	50 00
To raise and appropriate for interest account	200 00
" " " " "	2,470 00
" " from receipts for water for in- terest on water loans	2,200 00

To appropriate from receipts of water for maintenance of water works	5,500 00
To appropriate from cash balance on hand Jan. 1, 1900, for service pipes	1,000 00
To raise and appropriate for water rental for drinking fountains	300 00
To raise and appropriate for care and improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park	150 00
To raise and appropriate for election expenses	200 00
“ “ for concrete gutters, cross walks and paved gutters	500 00
To raise and appropriate for repairs of concrete	300 00
“ “ for Committee on Sewerage	1,000 00
“ “ for miscellaneous expenses	800 00

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred and seventy-six and fifty hundredths dollars, to pay the interest on bonds and notes issued for construction of Municipal Light and Power Plant, for the year ending December 31, 1900.

Voted. To raise and appropriate to pay the interest on bonds and notes issued for construction of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900, \$2,276.50.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars, and appropriate the receipts of the plant, together with cash on hand, for maintenance of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To raise and appropriate \$4,500 and appropriate the receipts of the plant together with cash on hand for maintenance of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum

of fifteen hundred dollars for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To raise and appropriate for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900, \$1,500.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at the Special Town Meeting held Nov. 7, 1899, under Article 6 of the Warrant, calling said meeting, viz: "Voted, that the Town do extend the water pipes as called for, and that the Water Commissioners be instructed to lay said pipes from Main Street through Franklin Street to Haverhill Street, thence through Haverhill Street to its junction with Wakefield Street, thence through Wakefield Street to Pearl Street," or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the Town do extend the water pipes as called for and that the Water Commissioners be instructed to lay said pipes from Main Street through Franklin Street to Haverhill Street, thence through Haverhill Street to its junction with Wakefield Street, thence through Wakefield Street to Pearl Street.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year.

Voted. That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Reading in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$75,000, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a

loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 11. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Voted. That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be three-fourths of one per cent.

Art. 12 To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Appropriation Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Voted. That the Selectmen be instructed to appoint five members of the Appropriation Committee to serve for three years.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To appropriate from miscellaneous appropriation to furnish electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven Street, \$50.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred and twenty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds, and appropriate the unexpected balance of twenty dollars in interest on School House Bond Account of 1899, to pay one coupon remaining unpaid December 31, 1899.

Voted. To raise and appropriate to meet the interest on the School House Bonds \$1,520; and to appropriate the unexpended balance of \$20 interest on School House Bond account of 1899, to pay one coupon remaining unpaid December 31, 1899.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the Town Building on Pleasant Street, the report of the Selectmen on said addition having been referred to this meeting by the Special Meeting of July 17, 1899.

Voted. To indefinitely postpone.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of School House note for two thousand dollars, due May 1, 1900.

Voted. To appropriate from available assets and receipts to meet the payment of School House note for two thousand dollars due May 1, 1900, \$2,000.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and twenty dollars to meet the interest on the School House notes.

Voted. To raise and appropriate to meet the interest on School House notes, \$520.

Art. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of fire hose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To raise and appropriate for the purchase of fire hose, \$250.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to make the necessary repairs on their steam fire engine, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To appropriate from available assets to make the necessary repairs on the steam fire engine, \$1,700.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a fire-alarm box and connections at the junction of Main, Mill and Pearl Streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To indefinitely postpone.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will build an addition to the Town Building on Pleasant Street to be used for Fire Department purposes, as recommended by the Board of Engineers, and give notes

of the Town for the payment of same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To indefinitely postpone.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will change the name of that part of Parker Street, running from the easterly end of Haven Street to John Street, to Haven Street.

Voted. To change the name of that part of Parker Street running from the easterly end of Haven Street to John Street, to "Haven Street."

Art. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the unexpended balance of (\$262.36) of the street railway franchise and excise tax for the construction, repair and maintenance of the public ways and removal of snow therefrom.

Voted. That the subject matter of this article be brought before the Selectmen, they to do what in their judgment they shall deem best.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars, unexpended balance of Howard Place appropriation, for the payment of amount due L. G. Howard, account of land damages.

Voted. To appropriate two hundred dollars, unexpended balance of Howard Place appropriation, for the payment of amount due L. G. Howard on account of land damages.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to complete the repairs on Haven Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To appropriate from available assets and receipts to complete repairs on Haven Street, \$1000.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to complete the construction of Grand Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To appropriate from available assets and receipts to complete the construction of Grand Street, \$300.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars for the support of the Police Department for the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To raise and appropriate for the support of the Police Department, \$2,600.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to construct a sidewalk on the easterly and southerly sides of Walnut Street, beginning at the junction of Walnut Street and Summer Avenue, and continuing on said Walnut Street to the intersection of Hopkins Street, and thence on either side of Hopkins Street to school house on said street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To appropriate from the appropriation for highways \$200 to construct a sidewalk on the easterly and southerly sides of Walnut Street, beginning at the junction of Walnut Street and Summer Avenue and continuing on said Walnut Street to the intersection of Hopkins Street, and thence on either side of Hopkins Street to the school house on said street.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Assessors to print the valuation list of 1900, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the payment of the same.

Voted. To instruct the Board of Assessors to print the valuation list of 1900, and that there be raised and appropriated for that purpose \$300.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will change the name of that part of Main street extending from Pleasant Street to the North Reading line to Andover Road, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To indefinitely postpone.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to build a band stand on the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To raise and appropriate to build a band stand on the Common, \$300.

Art. 32. To see what action the Town will take on the proposition of the Peoples' Gas and Electric Company, to sell to the Town of Reading for nine thousand dollars that part of their plant and franchise which they claim to have in the Town of Reading.

Voted. That the matter be referred to the Selectmen, no action to be taken by them involving the Town without referring same to the Town.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a Town Physician at a stated salary, the expense to be charged to the regular appropriations, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the Town do instruct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a Town Physician at a stated salary, the expense to be charged to the regular appropriation.

Art. 34. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed at Special Meeting of July 17th, 1899, to consider the purchase of the Old South Church property.

Voted. The committee appointed at a Special Meeting of July 17, 1899, to consider the purchase of Old South Church property presented their report and it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file and that the subject matter of the article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 35. To see what instructions the Town will give the Selectmen in the suit of Grace McKay against the Town.

Voted. To refer to the Selectmen with full powers.

Art. 36. To see what instructions the Town will give the

Selectmen in the suit of Margaret Allen against the Town.

Voted. To refer to Selectmen with full powers.

Art. 37. To see what instructions the Town will give the Selectmen in the claim of Willard Welsh against the Town.

Voted. To refer to Selectmen with full powers.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of ninety dollars for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Bancroft and Middlesex avenues, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Bancroft and Middlesex Avenues, \$90.

Art. 39. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Curtis and South Streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To pass over this article.

Art. 40. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Mineral Street, east of and near to the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To raise and appropriate, to erect an arc light on Mineral Street east of and near to the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge, \$75.

Art. 41. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Main Street, equally distant from Summer Avenue and Hopkins Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To pass over this article.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to extend the sidewalk on the northerly side of Lowell Street, commencing at the land of Charles A. Damon and extending in an easterly direction to Highland Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. To refer to the Selectmen.

Art. 43. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the private way known as Hartshorn Street, running in a northerly direction from the northerly side of Lowell Street, east of Grove Street, to lands of M. B. Hartshorn, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Report of the Selectmen on the laying out as a public Town way the private way known as Hartshorn Street was read and it was voted that the report be accepted and its recommendations adopted, and there be appropriated from appropriation for highways, for building said way, \$150.

Art. 44. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the private way known as Thorndike Street, running in an easterly direction from Pearl Street to its junction with the private way known as Spring Street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Report of Selectmen on the laying out as a public Town way the private way known as Thorndike Street, was read, and it was voted that the report be accepted and its recommendations adopted, and that there be appropriated from appropriation for highways, for building said way, \$100.

Art. 45. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the private way known as Spring Street, running in a northerly direction from Orange Street to its junction with the private way known as Thorndike Street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose.

Report of Selectmen on the laying out as a public Town way the private way known as Spring Street was read and it was voted that the report be accepted and its recommendations adopted, and

that there be appropriated from appropriation for highways, for building said way, \$50.

Art. 46. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for the repair of the same.

Report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts: In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 53 of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Mass., the undersigned respectfully submit the following report:

Guide posts, or suitable substitutes therefor, are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz:

Corner Main and Mill Streets.

“ “ Franklin Streets.

“ “ Pearl Streets.

“ “ Charles Streets.

“ “ Salem Streets.

Main Street opposite Woburn Street.

Main Street near Reading Square.

Corner Main and Ash Streets.

Corner Main Street and Summer Avenue.

“ Walnut “ “ “ “

“ Walnut and South Streets.

“ Woburn Street and Summer Avenue.

“ “ and West Streets.

At the junction of West and Willow Streets and Summer Avenue.

Corner Woburn and Lowell Streets.

“ Lowell and Willow “

“ Grove and Franklin “

“ Franklin and Haverhill “

“ Haverhill and Charles “

“ Haverhill and Pine “

Corner Charles and Pearl	"
" Pearl and Salem	"
" Salem and Lowell	"
" Harnden and Main	"
" Pleasant and Main	"
" Parker and Village	"
" Parker and Pleasant	"
" Washington and Main	"
" High and Lowell	"

At the junction of Middlesex Avenue and Lowell Street.

Voted to appropriate from miscellaneous expenses for repair of the same, \$30, and that the report be accepted.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS.

Austin, Oliver W.	Kidder, Wm.
Bancroft, Lewis M.	Kinsley, W. S.
Bancroft, Frederick	Krook, Lambertus W.
Bartley, Francis	Krook, Matthys H.
Batchelder, Edw. W.	Kimball, Chas. D.
Bachelor, Warren A.	LaClair, Henry S.
Beasley, Geo.	Moulton, Wilder C.
Beasley, Geo. W.	McCrum, David
Black, Frank K.	Merrill, Clarence E.
Bosson, Harry P.	Milbury, Ora L.
Broad, Nathaniel W.	Oakes, Geo. F.
Brown, Joseph H.	Ordway, Orville O.
Bessom, Chas. F.	Oliver, Alfred L.
Canty, Daniel T.	Pratt, Harland P.
Canty, John D.	Parker, Horace A.
Chase, John E.	Parker, Fred A.
Davis, Arthur E.	Parker, Harrison H.

Davis, Wm. Wallace
 DeRonde, John D.
 Eames, Leonard T.
 Eaton, John H.
 Eaton, Waldo F.
 Emerson, Arthur G.
 Flint, Geo. L.
 Gould, Theodore F.
 Goodwin, Edwin H.
 Gordon, Arthur D.
 Horrocks, George E.
 Howard, Luther G.
 Jackson, Chas. S.

Prentiss, W. S.
 Richardson, Henry M.
 Stinchfield, Chas. H.
 Sargent, Geo. A.
 Smith, Benj. Y.
 Swain, Chas. H.
 Temple, Jos. S.
 Temple, David C.
 Warren, Chas. E.
 Weston, Granville S.
 Wyman, Fernando D.
 Whelton, John H.
 Wight, Ephraim

Voted. That the names of Ora L. Milbury, Orville O. Ordway and Jos. S. Temple be stricken from the list at their request and the names of Eugene L. Lovejoy, Fred. H. Parker and Henry A. Wright be added and that the list as amended be accepted.

Voted. To adjourn without date.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 16, 1900.

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

George L. Flint was chosen.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to pay Luther G. Howard the sum of three hundred dollars, as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations for the year 1899, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That \$300 be appropriated to pay Luther G. Howard additional land damages on account of the laying out of Howard Place so called, as a public Town way.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum

of money sufficient to lay drain pipe from the Cemetery near the house of Galen A. Parker through lands of Galen A. Parker and Milton D. Parker, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the Town appropriate for the purpose named in Art. 3, the sum of \$200, provided the owners of the land through which the drain shall pass secure to the Town the right to enter thereon when necessary for the purpose of repairing the pipe.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will purchase a street sprinkler or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the Town appropriate a sum not exceeding \$300 for the purchase of a street sprinkler.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for street sprinkling, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the sum of \$400 be appropriated from available assets for street sprinkling.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will pay the members of Hose Companies No. 3 and No. 4 the same as paid members of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and Hose Companies No. 1 and 2, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the pay of Hose Companies No. 3 and 4 be the same as paid members of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and Hose Companies No. 1 and 2, namely: \$10 per year and poll tax if assessed, and 50 cents per hour of actual service.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will increase the appropriation for building a band stand, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the sum of \$200 be appropriated to increase the appropriation for building a band stand.

Voted to adjourn "sine die."

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD AUG. 6, 1900.

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

George L. Flint was chosen.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to construct the proposed state highway in Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted. That the Selectmen are authorized to execute a waiver of the right of the Town granted by Chapter 404 of the acts of 1900 to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of state highway within its limits.

Voted to adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD NOV. 6, 1900.

Meeting called to order by Wm. I. Ruggles, chairman of Selectmen. The following persons, who had been previously appointed by the Selectmen in accordance with the law, were announced by the chairman to serve as ballot clerks and tellers, all of whom were sworn by the chairman.

Ballot Clerks.—Geo. L. Pratt, Horace A. Parker, Charles H. Stinchfield, Wm. H. Perkins.

Tellers.—W. S. Prentiss, Geo. L. Flint, A. W. Danforth, F. K. Black, J. C. Nichols, John Connolly, W. F. Eaton, D. T. Bickford, J. C. Phinney, John E. Denehy.

Voted. That the polls be closed at 4.30 p. m.

At 4.30 p. m. polls declared closed, register showing 926 names checked by ballot clerks, names checked on voting list as having voted, 1,011.

All ballots cast having been counted by the tellers appointed for that purpose, declaration of same was made by the Town Clerk as follows:

FOR ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson of Cambridge	174
Thomas J. Gargan of Boston	172
Chas. S. Grieves of Amesbury	8
Herbert L. Wood of Brockton	8
Peter O'Keefe of Salem	1
John A. H. Henley of Lynn	1
Roger Wolcott of Boston	744
Wm. Whiting of Holyoke	744
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	22
John Bascom of Williamstown	22
Edward Waldo Emerson	3
Blanks	123

BY DISTRICTS.

District No. 1.

Wm. Nugent of Pittsfield	173
Leon S. Oliver of Westfield	8
Henry Noffke of Holyoke	1
James W. Toole of Holyoke	744
Thomas A. Frissell of Hinsdale	22
Blanks	63

District No. 2.

Chas. J. Bellamy of Springfield	174
Wm. H. Lawler of Springfield	8
James Norman of Springfield	1
Chas. E. Stevens of Ware	744
Oliver W. Cobb of East Hampton	22
Blanks	62

District No. 3.

Eben F. Stevens of Dudley	. . . . .	174
Chas. E. Fenner of Worcester	. . . . .	8
Walter J. Howe of Gardner	. . . . .	1
Josiah Perry of Dudley	. . . . .	744
Wm. W. Nash of Worcester	. . . . .	22
Blanks	. . . . .	62

District No. 4.

Robert E. Bisbee of Pepperell	. . . . .	174
John P. McDonald of Clifton	. . . . .	8
Francis H. Taylor of Fitchburg	. . . . .	1
J. P. Thacher of Littleton	. . . . .	744
Alfred L. Cutting of Westford	. . . . .	22
Blanks	. . . . .	62

District No. 5.

Nathan D. Pratt of Lowell	. . . . .	174
James A. Wilkinson of Methuen	. . . . .	8
John F. Bradley of Woburn	. . . . .	1
Wm. Beggs of Woburn	. . . . .	744
Wm. W. Sherman of Lowell	. . . . .	22
Blanks	. . . . .	62

District No. 6.

Arthur Withington of Newburyport	. . . . .	174
Geo. L. Evans of Haverhill	. . . . .	8
Burton C. Woodbury of Haverhill	. . . . .	1
Arthur D. Story of Essex	. . . . .	744
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill	. . . . .	22
Blanks	. . . . .	62

District No. 7.

Thomas E. Dwyer of Wakefield	. . . . .	174
Ernest W. Timson of Lynn	. . . . .	8

John Welton of Chelsea	1
Geo. L. Morse of Melrose	744
Geo. H. Harwood of Lynn	22
Blanks	62

District No. 8.

Henry T. Schafer of Winchester	174
John A. Aitkin of Cambridge	8
Herman W. A. Raasch of Boston	1
Wm. H. Dyer of Boston	744
Geo. E. Crosby of Medford	22
Blanks	62

District No. 9.

Thomas F. Keenan of Boston	173
Morris Kaplan of Boston	8
Wm. H. Young of Boston	1
Henry C. Richardson of Boston	744
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop	22
Blanks	63

District No. 10.

Richardson Sullivan of Boston	173
Wm. M. Packard of Quincy	8
Wm. H. Carroll of Boston	1
John Shaw of Quincy	744
Samuel F. Smith of Quincy	22
Blanks	63

District No. 11.

John H. Lee of Boston	173
David M. Chase of Boston	8
C. Arvide Olson of Hyde Park	1
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	744
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston	22
Blanks	63

District No. 12.

Albert P. Worthen of Weymouth	174
Samuel L. Smith of Brockton	8
Thomas L. Leonard of Taunton	1
Wilinon W. Blackmar of Hingham	744
Edward G. Knight of Hull	22
Blanks	62

District No. 13.

Chas. R. Codman of Barnstable	174
Lawrence Roetinger of New Bedford	8
Wright Wilde of Fall River	1
Edmund Anthony, Jr., of Fairhaven	744
Elijah Humphries of New Bedford	22
Blanks	62

GOVERNOR.

Michael T. Berry of Haverhill	10
Chas. H. Bradley of Haverhill	12
W. Muray Crane of Dalton	707
John M. Fisher of Attleboro	16
Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston	152
Blanks	114

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates of Boston	734
John B. O'Donnell of Northampton	133
Wilbur M. Purington of Williamsburg	18
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	4
Geo. H. Wrenn of Springfield	13
Blanks	109

SECRETARY.

Addison W. Barr of Worcester	16
Alfred E. Jones of Everett	7

Wm. M. Olin of Boston	693
Wm. H. Partridge of Newton	16
Luther Stevenson of Hingham	140
Blanks	139

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	703
Jos. L. Chalifoux of Lowell	135
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford	17
Frank A. Nagler of Springfield	2
Steven O'Shaughnessy of Boston	14
Blanks	140

AUDITORS.

Elbredge Gerry Brown of Brockton	158
Frank Albin Forsetrom of Worcester	3
Wm. G. Merrill of Malden	38
Henry E. Turner of Malden	655
Frank S. Walsh of Brockton	10
Blanks	147

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

John A. Billings of Rockland	13
Allen Coffin of Nantucket	18
John C. Crosby of Pittsfield	145
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	699
Frank MacDonald of Stoneham	4
Blanks	132

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, 5TH DISTRICT.

Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	181
Charles Franklin Jackman of Methuen	2
Wm. S. Knox of Lawrence	703
Wm. S. Searle of Methuen	16
Orion L. Woodbury of Lowell	10

Blanks 99

COUNCILLOR, 6TH DISTRICT.

S. Herbert Howe of Marlboro 635

John J. Mahoney of Lowell 143

Edwin S. Mayo of Everett 15

Blanks 168

SENATOR 6TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Frank L. Blood of Groton 168

Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford 667

Blanks 176

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, 28TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

John M. Berry of Reading 18

Bennie F. Flanders of Reading 250

John A. Johnson of Woburn 9

Joseph H. Parker of Woburn 135

Arthur E. Roberts of Reading 658

Frank E. Wetherell of Woburn 526

Blanks 426

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX.

Truman W. Hagar of Framingham 155

John O'Donnell of Woburn 12

Samuel O. Upham of Waltham 692

Blanks 152

REGISTER OF DEEDS, MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Edwin O. Childs of Newton 715

Chas. A. Johnson of Somerville 47

Blanks 249

COUNTY TREASURER, MIDDLESEX.

Albert M. Grant of Everett 51

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville 720

Blanks 240

The returns of the votes as declared were signed by the proper officers in open meeting and on motion it was voted that this meeting be adjourned without date.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

In accordance with the provisions of the statutes of 1898, chapter 548, section 254, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, being the City and Town Clerks of every city and town in representative district No. 28 within said county, met at noon, Friday, Nov. 16, 1900, being the tenth day succeeding the day of election held Nov. 6, 1900, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative, and determined therefrom that Arthur E. Roberts of Reading and Frank E. Wetherell of Woburn were elected to the office of Representative. The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District and the number of votes given each person, viz :

John M. Berry of Reading	. . . .	101
Bennie F. Flanders of Reading	. . . .	1002
John A. Johnson of Woburn	. . . .	119
Joseph H. Parker of Woburn	. . . .	1342
Arthur E. Roberts of Reading	. . . .	1516
Frank E. Wetherell of Woburn	. . . .	1527
Blanks	. . . . , . . . .	1680
Defective	. . . . .	17
Whole number of ballots	. . . .	7304

In witness whereof we, the City Clerk of Woburn and Town Clerk of Reading hereunto set our hands this 16 day of November, A. D. 1900.

(Signed)

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn.
JAMES REID, Town Clerk, Reading.

Taken from the Town Clerk's record.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,

Selectmen of Reading.

TOWN WARRANT.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING—

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1901, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board,

Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Sewerage Committee, Committee on Appropriations.

Art. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, one Trustee of Laurel Hill Cemetery to fill unexpired term of Henry A. Wright, one member of Board of Health for three years, Tree Warden for one year, three Auditors; also on separate ballot, two members of the School Committee for three years; also on separate ballot, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for schools, incidental school expenses, Superintendent of Schools, repairs of highways, bridges and sidewalks, removing snow and ice, concrete sidewalks and edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, hydrant rentals, Forest Fire Wards, support of the poor, salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, printing, abatement of taxes, Town Building, cemetery, public library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Police Department, care of Old South clock, interest accounts, interest on water loans, maintenance of the water works, service pipes, water rental for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, care and improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, election expenses, concrete gutters, crosswalks, and paved gutters, repairs of concrete, for Committee on Sewerage, and miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred and eight and fifty-hundredths dollars, to pay the interest on bonds and notes issued for construction of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31, 1901.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars, and appropriate the receipts of the plant, together with cash on hand, for maintenance of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 10. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 11. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Appropriation Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen hundred and eighty dollars to meet the interest on School House bonds, and appropriate the unexpended balance of eighty dollars in interest on School House Bond Account of 1900, to pay four coupons remaining unpaid December 31, 1900.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and thirty dollars to meet the interest on School House notes.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of School House note for two thousand dollars, due March 9, 1901.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of School House note for five thousand dollars, due May 1, 1901.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase or lease of land for the purpose of a playground, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to pay for six stand pipes erected in 1900 and used in connection with the street sprinkler, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to construct a water main beginning at the hydrant north of Mr. Smith P. Burton's stable on West street, to a point near the stable of Mr. Jonathan B. Severance on said street, and also connect with this main three hydrants, and raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand four hundred and sixty-five dollars for this purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will give the Tree Warden any special instructions in relation to the care and trimming of trees, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars to remove the bank on the westerly side of Main street near the house of Rev. E. Davies, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of building a sidewalk on the westerly side of John street, between Pleasant and Haven streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will abolish the office of Superintendent of Schools, or what action they will take in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 186 of the Acts of the year 1895: entitled "An act relative to the watering of streets in towns."

Art. 25. To see what action the Town will take with relation to assessing upon estates abutting upon streets watered by the Town, the expense of such watering, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will appropriate the unexpended appropriation of 1900, (one thousand dollars,) for the use of the Committee on Sewerage, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery to deed a lot to the Reading Home for Aged Women, free of expense, with perpetual care, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of 1901 authorizing the Town to make a water loan not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amount already authorized by law.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the issue of bonds under an Act of the Legislature of 1901, authorizing such issue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the subject of improved methods and material for road building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will buy a portable stone crusher,

and what appropriation they will make, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purchase of shade trees and labor for setting the same, under the direction of the Tree Warden, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Main and Washington streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Haverhill and Wakefield streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Prospect and Woburn streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to build a sidewalk on the easterly side of John street, from the corner of Green street to the junction of John and Village streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will erect and maintain an arc light at the corner of Grove and Franklin streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for this purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of locating a fire alarm box at the corner of Walnut and Curtis streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To see how much money the Town will raise and

appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of West and South streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipes from West street making connection with the service pipe at the corner of Walnut and South streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for this purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to repair South street, from the Woburn line to the corner of Walnut street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Main and Forest streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the construction of a house for Hose No. 4 on the school house lot at Chestnut Hill School, Hopkins street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 44. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of making additions and alterations to Hose House No. 2, Woburn street, for the purpose of maintaining a permanent man and horse at said house, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to maintain a permanent man and horse at the house of Hose Co. No. 2, Woburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase a horse for the use of Hose Co. No. 2, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a

sufficient sum of money for the purchase of a dump cart to be used by the permanent man and horse on the highway from Hose Co. No. 2, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section eleven of Chapter four hundred and eighty-one of the Acts of 1894, permitting the adoption of Town by-laws regulating the inspection, construction and use of buildings for the prevention of fire and the preservation of life, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to draft by-laws regulating the inspection, construction and use of buildings for the prevention of fire and the preservation of life, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 50. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of Fire Hose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build a house for Hose No. 3, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipes on Summer Avenue to a point near the residence of Wm. F. Welch, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for this purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one thousand dollars to macadamize High street from the cross-walk at the railroad station, near the junction of Chute and Haven streets, to Woburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 54. To see if the Town will change the name of that part of Main street extending from Salem street to the North Reading line, to Andover Road, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 55. To see if the Town will build concrete sidewalk and curbstone and cross-walks on the southerly side of Middlesex Avenue, from the westerly end of the present one to High street, and appropriate a sufficient sum of money thereof, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 56. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Oak street, between the estates of Jos. S. Robinson and Chas. B. Eames, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 57. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to lay a water pipe on Pearl street to a point opposite the house of Jeremiah G. Sargent, and how much money they will appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 58. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of building a retaining wall in ditch running by land of Richard B. Nichols, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 59. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to remove box 63 from the Congregational Church and place it at, or near the junction of Woburn and Linden streets, and place a box at the junction of Lowell, Sanborn and Highland streets, or what action they will take in relation to the same.

Art. 60. To see if the Town will instruct the Engineers of the Fire Department to locate a fire alarm box at the junction of Main and Franklin streets, and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for this purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 61. To see if the Town will instruct the Fire Engineers to place an alarm box at the junction of Charles and Pearl streets, and appropriate money for the same, or what action they will take in relation to the same.

Art. 62. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on

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the laying out of the extension of Vine street from Middlesex avenue to Mineral street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for that purpose.

Art. 63. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 64. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, A. D. 1901.

WM. I. RUGGLES,

OLIVER L. AKERLEY,

GEO. A. SHACKFORD,

Selectmen of Reading

LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who in their judgment are qualified to serve as jurors:

Austin, Oliver W., hotel keeper	Krook, Lambertus W., cabinet m'r
Bancroft, Lewis M., superintend't	Knight, Edgar M., machinist
Bancroft, Frederick, broker	Krook, Matthys H., cabinet maker
Batchelder, Howard W., farmer	Kimball, Charles D., machinist
Batchelder, Warren A., carpenter	LaClair, Henry S., farmer
Beasley, George, farmer	Lovejoy, Eugene L., merchant
Beasley, George W., org. pipe m'r	McCrum, David, machinist
Black, Frank K., builder	Merrill, Clarence E., r.r. conductor
Bosson, Harry P., insurance agt.	Oakes, George F., engineer
Broad, Nathaniel W., carpenter	Oliver, Alfred L., laborer
Brown, Joseph H., laborer	Pratt, Harland P., silk cutter
Bessom, Charles F., farmer	Pratt, Wilmot K., laborer
Canty, Daniel T., cabinet maker	Parker, Horace A., cabinet m'r
Canty, John D., mason	Parker, Fred A., laundryman
Chase, John E., carpenter	Parker, Fred H., railroad clerk
Davis, Arthur E., st. ry. cond'r	Parker, Harrison H., org'n pipe m'r
Davis, Wm. Wallace, auctioneer	Prentiss, Walter S., freight agent
DeRonde, John D., laborer	Richardson, Chester C., foreman
Eames, Leonard T., teamster	Richardson, Harry M., shoeworker
Eaton, John H., carpenter	Sargent, George A., shoeworker
Eaton, Waldo F., organ pipe m'r	Smith, Benjamin Y., org'n pipe w'r
Emerson, Arthur G., superintend't	Swain, Charles H., shoeworker
Flint, Geo. L., carpenter	Temple, David C., carpenter
Goodwin, Edwin H., org. pipe m'r	Warren, Charles E., org'n pipe m'r
Gordon, Arthur D., shoe dealer	Wickens, John, printer
Howard, Luther G., real estate	Wyman, Fernando D., shoew'kr
Jackson, Chas. S., organ pipe m'r	Whelton, John H., machinist
Kidder, William, carpenter	Wight, Ephraim, carpenter
Kinsley, Wm. S., org. pipe voicer	

WM. I. RUGGLES,

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Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Feb. 16, 1901.